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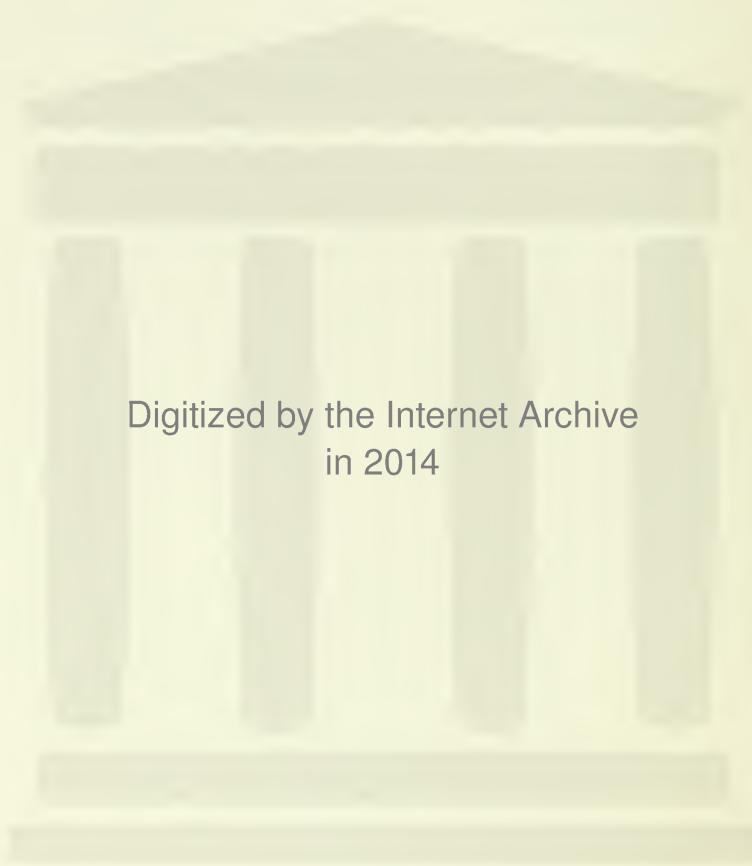
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## LIST OF OFFICERS

### Elected and Appointed

#### *Selectmen*

JONATHAN LAMSON, Chairman  
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS      BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR.

#### *Overseers of Poor*

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman  
BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR.      JONATHAN LAMSON

#### *Board of Health*

BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR., Chairman  
JONATHAN LAMSON      ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

#### *Moderator*

OLIVER WOLCOTT

#### *Town Clerk*

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

#### *Treasurer*

ANNIE E. WOODBURY

#### *Tax Collector*

CHARLES W. APPLETON

#### *Surveyor of Highways*

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE

#### *Assessors*

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

Term expires 1929

GEORGE E. SAFFORD

Term expires 1928

JESSE S. MANN

Term expires 1927

*Tree Warden*

HARRY R. McGREGOR

*Trustees Public Library*ROBERT B. WALSH, Chairman  
Term expires 1927ARTHUR W. CHANDLER EDWARD A. UNDERHILL  
Term expires 1928 Term expires 1929*School Committee*ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR., Chairman  
Term expires 1927MRS. ADELAIDE D. WALSH (Deceased)  
CLARISSA E. READY ALEXANDER H. SPROUL  
Term expires 1927 Term expires 1928*Cemetery Commissioners*GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman  
Term expires 1927FRANCIS C. NORTON GEORGE G. HARADEN  
Term expires 1928 Term expires 1929*Park Commissioners*PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE  
Term expires 1927LAWRENCE R. STONE GEORGE G. HARADEN  
Term expires 1929 Term expires 1928*Constables*ARTHUR SOUTHWICK  
CHARLES H. SMITH ALVIN L. PERLEY

## LIST OF OFFICERS

*Chief of Police*  
ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

*Moth Superintendent*  
HARRY R. McGREGOR

*Superintendent of Cemetery*  
WILLIAM G. MCKAY

*Registrars of Voters*  
FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman  
Term expires 1928  
GEORGE E. SMITH RUDOLPH H. HARADEN  
Term expires 1929 Term expires 1927  
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Clerk

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*  
MERRILL S. LOVERING

*Town Accountant*  
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

*Town Counsel*  
ROBERT B. WALSH

*Fire Engineers*  
CHESTER H. KNOWLES, Chief  
LESTER M. WHIPPLE FRANK DANE  
RODNEY H. ADAMS HARRY R. McGREGOR

*Finance and Advisory Committee*

GEORGE v. L. MEYER, Chairman

COL. J. C. R. PEABODY	WILLIAM W. BANCROFT
LEVERETT A. HASKELL	FINLAY D. MACDONALD
EDWARD L. McGARRY (Deceased)	

*Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering*

GEORGE R. DODGE

*Inspector of Milk*

GEORGE R. DODGE

*Forest Fire Warden*

FRED BERRY

*Field Drivers*

FRED BERRY	MERRILL S. LOVERING
FRED P. KILHAM	ERNEST M. BARKER

*Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark*

JESSE S. MANN	LESTER M. WHIPPLE
RALPH BERRY	TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN

*Keeper of the Lockup*

GEORGE H. HARADEN

## ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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### Receipts

#### TAXES

##### Current Year:

Property	\$108,905 22
Poll	876 00

##### Previous Years:

Property	17,612 61
Poll	301 00
	————— \$127,694 83

##### From State:

Income Tax 1923	\$115 50
Income Tax 1924	146 30
Income Tax 1925	335 00
Income Tax 1926	19,888 56
Corp. Tax Pub Serv. 1925	150 36
Corp. Tax Pub. Serv. 1926	801 05
Corp. Tax Business 1925	27 87
Corp. Tax Business 1926	301 60
Nat. Bank Tax 1926	595 10
Trust Co. Tax 1926	1,017 59
Street Railway Tax 1925	33
Street Railway Tax 1926	172 31
	————— 23,551 57

Forwarded	\$151,246 40
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## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

Brought forward	\$151,246 40
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## LICENSES

Junk	\$50 00
Peddler's	24 00
Auto (second hand dealer)	19 00
Denatured Alcohol	3.00
Pool and Bowling	2 00
Auctioneer's	2 00
Oleo	1 50
	-----
	101 50

## FINES AND FORFEITS

Fines:	
Court	\$320 70
	-----
	320 70

## GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:	
Essex Street Account	\$11,248 82
Industrial School	113 25
From County:	
Essex Street Account	11,248 82
Dog Tax	358 89
	-----
	22,969 78

## OTHER GENERAL REVENUE

From Individuals:	
Tax Title Expense	\$4 35
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Forwarded	\$174,642 73

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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Brought forward	\$174,642 73
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## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Moth Assessment 1923	\$4 20
Moth Assessment 1924	12 89
Moth Assessment 1925	153 38
Moth Assessment 1926	958 94
	—————
	1,129 41

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Clerk:	
Phone Tolls	\$1 95
Town Hall:	
Rent	36 00
Sale of Junk	5 00
	—————
	42 95

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Inspection:	
Sealer's Fees	\$28 01
Forestry:	
State Highway Work	49 23
Forest Warden, Phone Tolls	33 25
	—————
	110 49

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

From Cities and Towns:	
Contagious Diseases	\$177 00
	—————
Forwarded	\$176,102 58

Forwarded	\$176,102 58
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#### HIGHWAYS

Use of Road Roller	\$100 00
	—————
	100 00

#### CHARITIES

##### Outside Relief:

From Cities and Towns	\$694 14
From State	144 00

##### Mothers' Aid:

From State	388 20
	—————
	1,226 34

#### SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	\$228 00
	—————
	228 00

#### SCHOOLS

Tuition (from cities)	\$49 35
Sale of Junk	3 00
	—————
	52 35

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fines	\$47 70
	—————
	47 70

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Fees, Public Scales	\$10 63
	—————
Forwarded	\$177,767 60

Brought forward	\$177,767 60
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## CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots and Graves	\$60 00
	—————
	60 00

## INTEREST

Deposits	\$315 63
Deferred Taxes	708 88
Perpetual Care Funds	272 25
Dodge Fund Income	48 05
Allen Fund Income	24 29
	—————
	1,369 10

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

## Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$80,000.00
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## General Loans:

Essex Street Highway	8,500 00
	—————
	88,500 00

## AGENCY AND TRUST

## Trust:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$700 00
	—————
Forward	700 00
	—————
	\$268,396 70

Brought forward	\$268,396 70
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## REFUNDS

## Departmental:

Snow	\$52 40
Interest	14 44
Fire	10 50
Schools	3 60
	80 94

Receipts for year 1926	\$268,477 64
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## BALANCES

General Cash Jan. 1, 1926	\$22,673 40
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Dodge Fund Income Jan.	
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1, 1926	146 74
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Allen Fund Income Jan.	
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1, 1926	56 46
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22,876 60	22,876 60
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Total	\$291,354 24
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## Expenditures

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### SELECTMEN

##### Salaries and Wages:

Selectmen	\$850 00
Clerk	50 00

##### Other Expenses:

Carfare and Expenses	108 00
Stationery, Postage, etc.	13 02

##### Perambulation Town Lines:

Hamilton-Essex	40 00
Hamilton-Wenham	53 00
Hamilton-Manchester	40 65

##### Surveying:

Western Avenue	64 18
Lois Street	63 51
Maple Street	35 00

##### Expenses of Engineer at

Metropolitan Water	
Hearings	40 00

Floral Emblems	35 00
Typewriting	4 50

Legislative Bulletin	2 00
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\$1,398 86

Forwarded \$1,398 86

Brought forward	\$1,398 86
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#### ACCOUNTING

##### Salaries and Wages:

Accountant	\$1,200 00
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##### Other Expenses:

Printing, Postage, etc.	66 03
Repairs, Typewriter	18 00
Repairs, Adding Machine	5 22
Carfare and Expenses	3 00

—————	1,292 25
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#### TREASURY

##### Salary and Wages:

Treasurer	\$750 00
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##### Other Expenses:

Printing, Postage, etc.	100 66
Surety Bond	62 00

—————	912 66
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#### COLLECTOR

##### Salaries and Wages:

Collector	\$580 91
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Printing, Postage, etc.	129 87
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Surety Bond	124 00
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Phone Tolls	3 05
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—————	837 83
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#### ASSESSORS

##### Salaries and Wages:

Assessors	\$1,665 00
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##### Other Expenses:

Binding Plans	150 00
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Forwarded	\$1,815 00	\$4,441 60
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Brought forward	\$1,815 00	\$4,441 60
Auto Hire, Carfare and Expenses	100 00	
Printing and Postage	48 95	
Abstracts from Reg. of Deeds	45 97	
Typewriting	28 00	
Expenses Joint Meeting with Asst. Tax Commissioner	15 00	
Plans from Reg. of Deeds	11 50	
Banker and Tradesman	10 00	
Assessors' Auto List	5 00	
	—————	2,079 42

## OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS

## Certification of Revenue

Notes	\$14 00	
	—————	14 00

## TOWN CLERK

## Salaries and Wages:

Town Clerk	\$500 00
Fees	100 25

## Other Expenses:

Printing, Postage, etc.	33 47	
Surety Bond	2 50	
Carfare and Expenses	3 00	
	—————	639 22

Forwarded	\$7,174 24
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Brought forward	\$7,174 24
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## LAW

## Salaries and Wages:

Town Counsel	\$200 00
	—————
	200 00

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

## Salaries and Wages:

Registrars of Voters	\$200 00
Election Officers	316 00

## Other Expenses:

Printing, Postage, etc.	110 10
Stenographic Reports	35 00
Food, Election Officers and Reg. of Voters	93 36
Counting Machines	10 00
Express	35
	—————
	764 81

## TOWN HALL

## Salaries and Wages:

Janitor	\$850 00
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## Other Expenses:

Fuel	602 50
Repairs	466 70
Light	144 36
Fire Insurance	149 52
Telephone	79 45
Janitor's Supplies	19 07
Water 1925	60 00
Water to July 1, 1926	30 00
	—————

Forwarded	\$2,401 60	\$8,139 05
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Brought forward	\$2,401 60	\$8,139 05
Tuning Piano	9 00	
Town Hall Dump to April 1, 1926	3 00	
P.O. Box Rent	1 75	
	—————	
		2,415 35

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

## TOWN HALL PAINTING

Contract	\$793 00
Extra Work	150 00
	—————
	943 00

## TOWN HALL WATER SUPPLY

Contract	\$553 62
Extra Work	124 46
	—————
	678 08

## TOWN HALL LAND

Land in Rear Town Hall	\$1,000 00
	—————
Total Expenses, General Government	~1,000 00
	—————
	\$13,175 48

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## POLICE

Salaries and Wages:	
Chief of Police	\$760 60
Police Officers	1,192 50
	—————
Forwarded	\$1,953 10

Brought forward	\$1,953 10
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## Other Expenses:

Auto Hire	\$29 50
Equipment and Repairs	35 98
Phone	114 55
Fuel and Light	25 32
Rent of Office	120 00
Light for Traffic Beacons	38 52
Fees by Order of Court	32 13
Collecting Dog Taxes	30 00
Typewriting	16 00
Legal Expenses	15 00
Carfare and Expenses	9 70
Postage and Stationery	2 70
Lunch for Prisoners	2 00
	—————
	\$2,424 50
Payments. Police Dept.	\$2,424 50
Receipts, Court Fines	320 70
	—————

Balance: Net Cost of Town	\$2,103 80
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Salaries and Wages:

Firemen	\$1,153 77
Chief Driver	100 00
Supt. of Alarms	50 00
Clerk	25 00
Equipment and Repairs	362 56
Fuel	177 50
Light	77 16
	—————
Forwarded	\$1,945 99
	—————
	\$2,424 50

Brought forward	\$1,945 99	\$2,424 50
Power Fire Alarm	69 66	
Building and Grounds:		
Janitor	100 00	
Labor on Grounds	65 25	
Repairs	96 86	
Janitor's Supplies	23 12	
Printing, Postage, etc.	86 90	
Telephone	68 84	
Medical Aid	29 65	
Insurance of Equipment	63 48	
Gas and Oil	34 30	
Supplies, Auto Chemical	34 86	
Food, Firemen	11 58	
Drivers' Licenses	6 00	
Typewriting	3 00	
	—————	2,639 49

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

## FIRE CISTERNS

Contract	\$2,975 00
Typewriting Specifications, etc.	5 00
	—————
	2,980 00

## ENGINE HOUSE ADDITION

Contract	\$516 00
Extra Work	47 80
Storage Equipment While Building Being Repaired	25 00
	—————
Forwarded	588 80
	—————
	\$8,632 79

Brought forward	\$8,632 79
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#### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

##### Salaries and Wages:

Sealer	\$125 00
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##### Other Expenses:

Equipment and Repairs	28 30
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Transportation	93 00
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Expenses Attending Meet-	
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of Sealers	32 00
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Express and Freight	6 27
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—————	284 57
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#### FORESTRY

#### INSECT PEST EXTERMINATION

##### Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$1,273 01
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Labor	1,581 81
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##### Other Expenses:

Teams	246 01
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Equipment and Repairs	624 78
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Insecticides	312 68
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Gas and Oil	168 95
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Liability Insurance	98 64
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Auto Insurance	43 10
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Storage Auto	66 00
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Drum Sprayer Oil	15 80
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Printing, Postage, etc.	15 20
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Carfare and Expenses	5 00
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Freight and Express	2 30
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Registration Auto	2 00
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Operator's License	2 00
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Telephone	25 30
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—————	4,482 58
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Forwarded	\$13,399 94
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Brought forward	\$13,399 94
Moth (Town Work)	\$2,998 65
Moth (Private Property Work)	1,483 93
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Total	\$4,482 58

## TREE WARDEN

## Salaries and Wages:

Pay Rolls	\$422 25
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## Other Expenses:

Equipment and Repairs	29 20
Trees	20 00
Teams	15 00
Tree Paint	2 92

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## FOREST WARDEN

## Salaries and Wages:

Forest Warden	\$25 00
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## Other Expenses:

Telephone	49 75
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Payments, Forest Warden	\$74 75
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Receipts, Personal Phone	
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Tolls	33 25
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Balance, Net Cost to Town	\$41 50
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Total Payments, Protection of Persons and Property	
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## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## General Administration:

## Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health \$100 00

Clerk 25 00

Printing, Postage, etc. 10 08

## Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Board and Treatment 64 00

## Tuberculosis:

Board and Treatment 2 60

Medical Aid 7 00

## Other Expenses:

Return of Births 2 00

Collection Rubbish 752 40

Fumigation and Disinfection 10 00

Milk Inspector 30 00

## Payments from Health

Appropriation \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,003.08

Payments, Health \$1,003 08

## Receipts, from Cities and

Towns 177 00

Balance, Net Cost to Town \$826 08

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

## Inspection:

Animals \$65 20

65 20

Forward \$1,068 28

Brought forward	\$1,068 28
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## ASSESSMENTS BY COUNTY

Maintenance Essex Sanatorium	\$972 32
	—————
Total Payments, Health and Sanitation	972 32
	—————
	\$2,040 60

## HIGHWAYS

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

## Salaries and Wages:

Surveyor of Highways	\$1,442 74
	—————
	\$1,442 74

## GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$7,327 00
Trucks and Teams	2,404 50
Stone, Gravel, etc.	523 69
Equipment and Repairs	1,088 04
Gas and Oil	777 62
Patching Material	673 38
Insurance, Liability	511 24
Insurance, Automobile	119 63
Storage Truck	18 00
Lumber	19 70
Drain Pipe	8 10
Mason Work	9 20
Carfare and Expenses	5 00
Lettering Signs	2 50
	—————
	13,487 60
Forwarded	—————
	\$14,930 34

Brought forward	\$14,930 34
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## OILING

Road Oil	\$774 50
	—————
	774 50

## ROAD ROLLER

Engineer	\$579 00
Repairs	41 10
Fuel	135 60
Oil and Waste	11 13
	—————
	766 83

## OTHER EXPENSES

Crossing Warning Signs	\$20 25
	—————
Payments from Highway Appropriation	20 25
	—————
	\$16,491 92

## SNOW

Salaries and Wages	\$11,311 51
Trucks and Teams	3,933 23
Other Expenses:	
Equipment and Repairs	1,524 59
Gas and Oil	412 26
Registration State Truck	105 00
Storage Trucks	51 00
Sand	39 00
Snow Fence	200 00
Lunches	28 30
	—————
Forwarded	\$17,604 89
	—————
	\$16,491 92

Brought forward	\$17,604 89	\$16,491 92
Carfare and Expenses	9 57	
Express and Freight	4 00	
Salt	3 50	
Payments for Snow Removal	—————	17,621 96

## STREET LIGHTING

Contract	\$7,723 54
	—————

7,723 54

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

## ESSEX STREET

Contract	\$28,698 85
Extra Work	75 17
Advertising	34 35
Pay Rolls, Weigher	90 00
Catch Basins	45 00
Freight	4 19
	—————
	\$28,947 56

## Receipts:

From State	\$11,248 82
From County	11,248 82
Total	—————

\$22,497 64

## HIGHWAY (SPECIAL AND URGENT)

Part Cost of New Road	
Roller	\$1,950 00
Forwarded	—————

\$70,784 98

Brought forward	\$1,950 00	\$70,784 98
Road Oil	709 90	
Willowdale Bridge	400 00	
	—————	3,059 90

## RUST STREET SIDEWALK

Labor	\$386 50	
Trucks and Teams	90 13	
Gravel	22 00	
	—————	498 63

## SPECIAL HIGHWAY APPROPRIATION

## HAMILTON AVENUE

Pay Rolls	\$1,195 00	
Trucks and Teams	471 00	
Gravel	176 50	
Bound Stones	5 00	
Grade Stakes	32	

## WESTERN AVENUE

Pay Rolls	\$893 00	
Trucks and Teams	441 37	
Gravel	163 50	
Surveying	27 05	
Bound Stones	5 00	
Grade Stakes	32	
	—————	—————
Forwarded	\$3,378 06	\$74,313 51

Brought forward	\$3,378 06	\$74,343 51
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#### MAPLE STREET EXTENSION

Pay Rolls	\$358 00
Trucks and Teams	145 50
Gravel	66 50
Surveying	19 94
Bound Stones	5 00
Grade Stakes	32
	—————
	3,973 32
Total Payments Highway Division	—————
	\$78,316 83

#### CHARITIES

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages:	
Overseers	\$100 00
Clerk	25 00
	—————
	\$125 00

#### OUTSIDE RELIEF

Groceries and Provisions	\$31 41
Fuel	21 00
Board and Care	208 00
Medicine and Medical Aid	385 15
Cash Aid	1,560 00
Burial Expense	100 00
Rent	88 00
Clothing	5 90
	—————
	2,399 46
Forwarded	—————
	\$2,524 46

Brought forward	\$2,524 46
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#### RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS

##### By Cities:

Board and Care	\$190 00
Food	6 00
Clothing	3 70
	—————
	199 70

#### MOTHERS' AID

Cash Aid	\$1,040 00
Medical Aid	10 35
	—————
Total Payments Charities	1,050 35
Payments, Charities	\$3,774 51
Receipts, from Cities and	
State	1,226 34
	—————
Balance, Net Cost to Town	\$2,548 17

#### SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	\$264 00
	—————
	\$264 00
Soldiers' Relief:	
Medical Aid	\$387 15
Cash Aid	96 00
	—————
Total Payments Soldiers' Benefits	483 15
	—————
	747 15

## SCHOOLS

## GENERAL

## Superintendent of Schools:

Salary	\$1,200 00
Clerk and Expenses	458 01
Truant Officer, Salary	100 00
Printing, Postage, etc.	24 43
Telephone	139 21
Travelling Expense	128 54
School Census	30 00
Health:	
School Nurse	654 80
School Physician	315 00
Health Supplies	125 04
Other Expenses:	
School Library	191 75
Supervision Physical	
Training	114 50
	—————
	\$3,481 28

## TEACHERS' SALARIES

High	\$9,216 50
Elementary (inc. Junior	
High)	15,487 87
Retirement Fund:	
High	410 03
Elementary	622 73
	—————
Forwarded	25,737 13
	—————
	\$29,218 41

Brought forward	\$29,218 41
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TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

High:

Books	\$391 19
Supplies	1,165 78

Elementary:

Books	533 24
Supplies	603 41
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	2,693 62

TRANSPORTATION

High	\$2,775 00
Elementary	2,775 00
	-----
	5,550 00

JANITOR SERVICE

High	\$754 50
Elementary	1,554 50
	-----
	2,309 00

FUEL AND LIGHT

High	\$977 02
Elementary	1,144 50
	-----
	2,121 52

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS

High:

Repairs	\$468 58
Janitor's Supplies	155 16

Elementary:

Repairs	578 45
Janitor's Supplies	169 68
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	\$1,371 87

Forwarded	\$43,264 42
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Brought forward	\$43,264 72
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## FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

High	\$152 02
Elementary	215 80
	—————
	367 82

## OTHER EXPENSES

School House Insurance	\$1,975 70
Industrial School Tuition:	
Beverly	149 00
Lawrence	126 00
Special Repairs:	
New Roof	400 00
Graduating Exercises	49 44
Floral Emblem	10 00
Tuning Piano	8 00
Miscellaneous Expense	1 50
	—————
	2,719 64
Total Expenses Schools	—————
	\$46,351 88

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Salaries and Wages:

Librarians	\$525 00
Clerical and Special Work	42 00
Janitor Service	175 00
	—————
	\$742 00

## Books and Periodicals:

Books	\$751 54
Periodicals	151 70
	—————
	903 24

Forwarded	\$1,645 24
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Brought forward		\$1,645 24
<b>Fuel and Light:</b>		
Fuel	\$27 50	
Light	22 56	
	—————	50 06
<b>Building and Grounds:</b>		
Repairs	\$25 62	
Furniture and Furnishings	300 00	
Rent South Hamilton		
Branch	330 00	
Janitor's Supplies	6 61	
	—————	662 23
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Floral Emblems	\$30 00	
Library Supplies	29 50	
P. O. Box Rent	1 05	
Printing, Postage, etc.	3 98	
	—————	64 53
Total Payments Public Library	—————	\$2,422 06

## RECREATION

## PARKS

Pay Rolls	\$244 00	
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Equipment and Repairs	9 90	
Part Cost of Fence	50 00	
Sign	9 00	
Transportation	5 00	
	—————	\$317 90

Brought forward	\$317 90
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### SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

#### WINTHROP PARK FENCE

New Fence	\$200 00
.	—————
Total Payments Recreation	200 00
	—————
	517 90

### UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	\$244 70
Care Town Clock	29 16
Town Reports	401 12
Water Committee	150 00
American Legion	250 00
Boiler Insurance	62 08
Game Warden	10 00
.	—————
Total Payments Unclassified	\$1,147 06
	—————
	\$1,147 06

### CEMETERIES

#### Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$638 00
Labor	142 00
Cemetery Commissioners	45 00
.	—————
Forwarded	\$825 00

Brought forward	§825 00
Other Expenses:	
Equipment and Repairs	19 03
Teams	21 37
Surveying	15 00
Payments Cemetery Appropriation	§880 40
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Payments, Care Endowed	
Lots	§272 25
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	272 25
Total Payments Cemetery	<hr/> 1,152 65

## INTEREST

Temporary Loans:	
Anticipation of Revenue	§2,309 91
General Loans:	
Tuberculosis Hospital	743 75
East School Loan	427 50
Essex St. Highway Loan	122 83
	<hr/> §3,603 99
	<hr/> 3,603 99

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:	
Anticipation of Revenue	§80,000 00
General Loans:	
Essex St. Highway Loan	3,500 00
Forwarded	§83,500 00

Brought forward	\$83,500 00	
East School Loan	1,000 00	
Tuberculosis Hospital		
Loan	1,000 00	
	—————	\$85,500 00
	—————	85,500 00

## AGENCY AND TRUST

## Agency:

State Tax 1926	\$8,040 00	
County Tax 1926	7,134 72	
State Highway Tax 1926	1,203 70	
State Audit 1926	198 46	
	—————	\$16,576 88

## Trust:

Investment Perpetual		
Care Funds	\$700 00	
Investment Special Cemetery Funds	60 00	
	—————	760 00
	—————	17,336 88

## REFUNDS

Taxes Refunded	\$60 50	
Departmental (Sealer)	1 34	
To State:		

Forwarded	\$61 84
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Brought forward	\$61 84
Soldiers' Exemption	22 35
Corporation Tax Refunded	12 64
	—————
	\$96 83
	—————
Total Payments Year 1926	\$270,147 88

## BALANCES

General Cash 12/31/26	\$20,952 88
Dodge Fund Income 12/31/26	194 79
Allen Fund Income 12/31/26	58 69
	—————
	\$21,206 36
	—————
Total	\$291,354 24

TRANSFERS  
RESERVE FUND

## TRANSFERS

## APPROPRIATION

1926	1926		
July 26	Town Hall Painting	\$150 00	Mar. 9 Appropriation
July 26	Snow Removal	90 45	\$3,000 00
Sept. 17	Assessors	300 00	
Nov. 30	Selectmen	50 00	
Nov. 30	Treasury	25 00	
Nov. 30	Town Hall	260 00	
Nov. 30	Police	100 00	
Nov. 30	Sealer	35 00	
Nov. 30	Soldiers' Relief	75 00	
Nov. 30	Snow Removal	105 00	
Nov. 30	Forest Warden	20 00	
Dec. 24	Essex Street Highway	500 00	
Dec. 31	Inspector of Animals	5 20	
Dec. 31	Interest	289 55	
Dec. 31	Highway (Special and Urgent)	59 90	
Dec. 31	Selectmen	48 86	
Dec. 31	Fire Dept.	439 49	
Dec. 31	Police	224 50	
Dec. 31	Assessors	129 42	
Dec. 31	Balance	92 63	
		<hr/> \$3,000 00	<hr/> \$3,000 00

TOWN OF HAMILTON  
Balance Sheet December 31, 1926

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Cash on hand	
Outstanding Tax Accounts:	
Levy of 1923	\$119 48
Levy of 1924	1,876 40
Levy of 1925	7,977 38
Levy of 1926	21,205 34
Special Assessments:	
Moth, 1923	\$2 03
Moth, 1924	7 04
Moth 1925	83 94
Moth 1926	258 76
Accounts Receivable:	
Commonwealth of Mass.	
State Aid	\$264 00
Temporary Aid	12 00
Mothers' Aid	34 66
City of Lynn:	
Temporary Aid	120 00
Town of Charlton:	
Tuberculosis Case	235 30
Overdrawn Appropriation:	
Snow Removal	.
	\$20,000 00
Revenue Loans	
Overlay for Abatement of Taxes:	
Levy of 1923	\$119 48
Levy of 1924	196 95
Levy of 1925	1,313 76
Levy of 1926	1,265 47
Special Assessment Revenue:	
Outstanding Moth Assessments	351 67
Departmental Revenue:	
Accounts receivable unpaid	
Appropriation Balances:	
Essex Street	
Surplus War Bonus Funds	
Dodge Fund Income	
Allen Fund Income	
Overlay Reserve:	
Surplus overlay	
Tailings Account:	
Outstanding Checks prior to	
January 1, 1925	
Excess and Deficiency (Surplus)	
	61 16
	20,669 56
	\$57,195 79

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt	*	\$34,500 00	East School Loan	\$9,000 00
			Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	17,000 00
			Essex Street Highway Loan	8,500 00
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		\$34,500 00		\$34,500 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust Funds	\$11,752 12	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$9,055 59
		Special Cemetery Fund	1,196 53
		Dodge Library Fund	1,000 00
		Allen Library Fund	500 00
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	\$11,752 12		\$11,752 12

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES  
YEAR 1926

		<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance Unex- pended</i>
Selectmen:				
Appropriation		\$1,300 00		
From Reserve		50 00		
From Reserve		48 86		
		<hr/>	\$1,398 86	\$1,398 86
Accounting			1,300 00	7 75
			1,292 25	7 75
Treasury:				
Appropriation		\$900 00		
From Reserve		25 00		
		<hr/>	925 00	912 66
Tax Collector			900 00	62 17
			837 63	62 17
Assessors:				
Appropriation		\$1,650 00		
From Reserve		300 00		
From Reserve		129 42		
		<hr/>	2,079 42	2,029 42
Certifying Notes			15 00	14 00
Law			200 00	200 00
Town Clerk			650 00	639 22
Election and Registration			900 00	764 81
			135 19	135 19
Town Hall:				
Appropriation		\$2,250 00		
From Reserve		260 00		
		<hr/>	2,510 00	2,415 35
Town Hall Water Supply			800 00	94 65
			678 08	121 92

## Town Hall Painting:

Appropriation	\$800 00			
From Reserve	150 00			
	—————	950 00	943 00	7 00
Town Hall Land		1,000 00	1,000 00	9 00

## Police:

Appropriation	\$2,100 00			
From Reserve	100 00			
From Reserve	224 50			
	—————	2,424 50	2,424 50	0 00

## Fire:

Appropriation	\$2,200 00			
From Reserve	439 49			
	—————	2,639 49	2,639 49	0 00
Fire Cisterns		3,000 00	2,980 00	20 00
Engine House Addition		700 00	588 80	111 20
Moth (Town Work)		3,000 00	2,998 65	1 35
Moth (Private Property)		1,500 00	1,483 93	16 07
Tree Warden		500 00	489 37	10 63

## Forest Warden:

Appropriation	\$65 00			
From Reserve	20 00			
	—————	85 00	74 75	10 25
Health		1,800 00	1,003 08	796 92

## Inspector of Animals:

Appropriation	\$60 00			
From Reserve	5 20			
	—————	65 20	65 20	0 00

## Sealer:

Appropriation	\$250 00			
From Reserve	35 00			
	—————	285 00	284 57	0 43

Highway (General)	16,500 00	16,491 92	8 08
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## Highways (Special and Urgent):

Appropriation	\$3,000 00			
From Reserve	59 90			
	—————	3,059 90	3,059 90	0 00
Rust Street Sidewalk	500 00	498 63	1 37	
Highways (Maple St., Ham-				
ilton Ave., and Maple St.)	4,000 00	3,973 32	26 68	

## Essex Street:

Appropriation	\$10,000 00			
Carried over from				
last year	994 87			
From State	11,248 82			
From County	11,248 82			
	—————	33,992 51	28,947 56	5,044 95

## Snow:

Appropriation	\$13,581 21			
Refund	52 40			
From Reserve	90 45			
From Reserve	105 00			
	—————	13,829 06	17,621 96	*3,792 90
Street Lighting		7,800 00	7,723 54	76 46
Poor		4,000 00	3,774 51	225 49
State Aid		300 00	264 00	36 00

## Soldiers' Relief:

Appropriation	\$450 00			
From Reserve	75 00			
	—————	525 00	483 15	41 85

## Schools:

Appropriation	\$46,000 00			
Dog Tax	358 89			
Refund	3 60			
	—————	46,362 49	46,351 88	10 61

## Public Library:

Appropriation	\$2,400 00			
From Trust Funds	22 06			
	—————	2,422 06	2,422 06	0 00

Parks	350 00	317 90	32 10
Winthrop Park Fence	200 00	200 00	0 00
Memorial Day	250 00	244 70	5 30
Town Reports	401 12	401 12	0 00
Town Clock	50 00	29 16	20 84
American Legion	250 00	250 00	0 00
Boiler Insurance	75 00	62 08	12 92
Game Warden	15 00	10 00	5 00
Reserve Fund	3,000 00	2,907 37	92 63
Cemetery	900 00	880 40	19 60

## Interest:

Appropriation	\$3,300 00			.....
Refunds	14 44			
From Reserve	289 55			
	—————	3,603 99	3,603 99	0 00
Maturing Debt	5,500 00	5,500 00	0 00	
Balance of Appropriations Unexpended				\$2,034 58

\*Overdraft.

**INVESTMENT FUNDS****SPECIAL CEMETERY FUND**

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>
Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year	\$1,125 00	\$71 53	\$1,136 53
Deposited in Savings Bank in 1926	60 00		60 00
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Savings Bank Deposit at end of year	\$1,185 00	\$71 53	\$1,196 53

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

December 31, 1926

	Endowment	Balance Jan. 1, 1926	Receipts 1926	Payments 1926	Balance Dec. 31, 1926
Abbott, M. K.	\$200 00	\$253 67	\$11 52	\$6 00	\$259 19
Allen, Albert F.	100 00	101 61	4 59	4 00	102 20
Allen, Dr. D. S.	300 00	462 23	21 02	18 00	465 25
Allen, Dr. Justin	100 00	100 89	4 57	4 00	101 46
Andrews, Horace E.	100 00	107 56	5 14	6 00	106 70
Austin, Delia	100 00	104 65	5 07	3 00	106 72
Ayers Fund	150 00	166 92	7 57	4 00	170 49
Bean, Ellen A.	100 00	110 96	5 02	4 00	111 98
Brown, Elizabeth S.	100 00	109 51	4 55	3 00	102 06
Burnham, Amoss	100 00	111 19	5 04	9 00	107 23
Burnham, Choate	175 00	179 74	8 15	6 00	181 89
Butler, Nathaniel B.	100 00	103 36	4 95	5 00	103 31
Burton, F. J. and P. W.	100 00	109 42	5 23	3 50	111 15
Chadwick Fund	100 00	105 43	5 09	6 00	104 52
Cutler, Temple (old lot)	75 00	79 99	3 81	3 00	80 80
Cutler, Temple (new lot)	75 00	77 30	3 81	3 00	78 11
Dane, Ephraim A.	108 00	108 28	5 18	4 75	108 71
Dane, Francis	1,000 00	1,128 02	51 32	10 00	1,169 34
Dane, Jos. F.	100 00	102 69	4 90	4 00	103 59
Dane, Luther	100 00	109 78	4 97	4 00	110 75
Davenport, J. K.	100 00	103 14	4 68	4 00	103 82
Dodge, Edward W.	100 00	109 20	5 23	8 00	106 43
Dodge, H. Augusta	200 00	277 32	12 60	5 00	284 92
Dodge, James E.	100 00	112 99	5 40	3 50	114 89
Dodge, Jos. T.	100 00	107 25	4 86	4 50	107 61

Dutton, Jos. W.	100 00	106 01	5 09	3 50	107 63
Elli's, Emily	100 00	103 51	5 61	3 50	105 05
Evell, J. E. and Gertrude	100 00	100 12	5 11	5 11	100 42
Fallebrown, H. K.	50 00	51 86	2 48	2 25	52 09
Feeason, Wm. T.	100 00	101 83	4 75	4 50	105 08
Goodine, Samuel	100 00	100 61	4 80	4 50	100 91
Graham, Chas. F.	50 00	51 86	2 48	2 25	52 09
Hayes, Olivia R.	100 00	101 84	5 07	4 00	105 91
Haynes, George T.	100 00	101 23	1 73	1 00	104 96
Henry, Mary R.	75 00	78 76	3 76	3 00	79 52
Horne, Thomas	100 00	111 32	5 33	4 00	112 65
Kimball, Susan A.	150 00	151 87	7 42	6 50	155 79
Knowlton, George K.	100 00	109 61	5 25	3 00	111 89
Kinsman, Jacob	100 00	111 16	5 04	4 00	112 20
Knowlton, Isaac F.	200 00	223 86	10 72	5 00	229 58
Lovering, Jos. P.	100 00	106 71	5 12	4 00	107 86
Mason, Arthur	100 00	109 72	5 25	3 50	111 47
McNeill, Hattie	100 00	106 79	5 12	3 50	108 41
Patch, Eudine	100 00	106 60	5 09	3 50	108 19
Patch, Laura	100 00	106 99	5 12	4 50	107 61
Peterson, Chas. A.	100 00	105 92	5 06	5 50	105 48
Preston, Thos. A.	100 00	100 88	4 83	4 50	101 21
Proctor, Thomas	300 00	323 90	5 11	5 11	323 90
Roberts, Daniel	100 00	106 09	4 82	4 00	106 91
Safford, Daniel F.	100 00	102 22	4 64	4 00	102 87
Stone, Daniel D.	100 00	101 48	4 89	4 00	102 37
Thayer, Samuel F.	100 00	105 36	5 09	9 00	101 45
Townsend, William E.	100 00	105 03	4 77	3 50	106 30
Tuttle, John	100 00	103 56	4 95	4 00	104 51
Whipple, Albert M.	100 00	101 54	4 85	4 00	102 39
Whipple, Emerson A.	100 00	101 09	4 89	4 00	101 98
Whipple, Hannah M.	100 00	101 73	4 75	4 00	105 48
Whipple, L. D.	100 00	109 56	4 97	8 00	106 53
Wilson, James	100 00	100 00	4 85	3 50	101 35

Added in—			
Bradstreet, John	200 00	200 00	200 00
Chandler, William	100 00	100 00	100 00
Knowlton, Joseph	100 00	102 40	2 00
Whittredge, John	100 00	100 00	100 40
Woodbury, John L.	100 00	100 00	100 00
Woodbury, John T.	100 00	100 00	100 00
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$8,208 00	\$8,260 18	\$1,067 66
Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year			\$272 25
Savings Bank Deposits at end of year			\$8,280 18
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			9,055 59
RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS
Deposits for care	\$700 00	Care of Lots	\$272 25
Interest	367 66	Deposited in Savings Banks	795 41
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	\$1,067 66		\$1,067 66

## PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1926

## H. AUGUSTA DODGE FUND

	Cash	Saving Deposit	Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$146 74	\$1,000 00	\$1,146 74
On hand at end of year	194 79	1,000 00	1,194 79
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Cash on hand at be- ginning of year (In general cash)	\$146 74	Cash on hand at end of year (in general cash)	
Income	48 05		\$194 79
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	\$194 79		\$194 79

## DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND

On hand at beginning of year	\$56 46	\$500 00	\$556 46
On hand at end of year	58 69	500 00	558 69
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Cash on hand at be- ginning of year (in general cash)	\$56 46	Paid for books	\$22 06
Income	24 29	Cash on hand at end of year (in general cash)	58 69
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	\$80 75		\$80 75

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,  
*Town Accountant.*

## TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand January 1, 1926	\$22,876 60
Receipts in 1926	268,477 64
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Payments in 1926 (per warrants)	\$270,147 88
Cash on hand December 31, 1926	21,206 36
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Cash on hand December 31, 1926	\$21,206 36
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Merchants National Bank (deposit)	\$14,899 58
Cash in Office	6,306 78
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Merchants National Bank (check book)	\$14,899 58
Checks Outstanding	6,940 07
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Merchants National Bank, balance Dec. 31, 1926	\$21,839 65
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Yours respectfully,

ANNIE E. WOODBURY,

*Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### BIRTHS RECORDED

1925

- Aug. 8 Patricia Wilder, daughter of  
William F. A. and Katherine (Pollard) Stride.  
Oct. 19 Lyman, son of  
Thomas E. P. and Elisabeth (Lyman) Rice.  
Dec. 31 Mabel Clare, daughter of  
Marcius N. and V. Doris (Rutledge) Babcock.

1926

- Jan. 9 Augusta Peabody, daughter of  
Oliver and Sybil (Appleton) Wolcott.  
Jan. 13 Joseph Albert, son of  
Emile O. and Bella (Koloski) Banville.  
Jan. 13 Florence Frances, daughter of  
Felix and Henrietta (Wieczorek) Baker.  
Jan. 22 Virginia Marie, daughter of  
Frederick and Grace (Miller) Marks.  
Feb. 4 William Dickinson, son of  
Thomas E. and Bella (Alden) Beales.  
Feb. 4 Constance Audrey, daughter of  
Thomas E. and Bella (Alden) Beales.  
Mar. 17 Roger Willard, son of  
Robert G. and Minnie F. (Sewell) Martin.  
Apr. 19 John Edward, Jr., son of  
John E. and Mary E. (Perry) Cox.  
May 28 Ruth Bell, daughter of  
Bryce E. and Eleanor B. (Eastman) Glover.  
May 31 Charles Edward, son of  
Charles E. and Catherine (Campbell) Clay.

- June 8 Joan Marylyn, daughter of  
Randall Erman and Harriett N. (Fuller) Adams.
- July 1 Raymond Haynes, son of  
Roy and Mary (Gemmell) Varnum.
- July 21 Robert, son of  
Benjamin Harrison and Mary (Flanagan) Greeley.
- July 21 Benjamin Arthur, Jr., son of  
Benjamin A. and Ruth (Linahan) Dodge.
- Aug. 2 Patricia Ann, daughter of  
Patrick J. and Annie M. (Walsh) McCarthy.
- Aug. 5 Mary Louise, daughter of  
John J. and Helena B. (Murray) Cullity.
- Aug. 8 Mildred Fredrica, daughter of  
Fred and Gertrude C. (Sponberg) Kelly.
- Aug. 10 John Cooper, son of  
John and Christian (Cooper) Dunn.
- Sept. 21 Virginia, daughter of  
Thomas and Julia (Burke) Sargent.
- Sept. 28 Robert Gordon, son of  
Roland and Helen (Chase) Fletcher.
- Oct. 21 Lucy Marion, daughter of  
William E. and Lucy M. (Osborn) Cottle.
- Nov. 6 Theodore Bernard, son of  
Carl H. and Ruth B. (Leet) Fryberg.
- Nov. 10 Martin Robert, son of  
Andrew and Signa (Peterson) Dunn.
- Nov. 26 Edward Arthur, son of  
Edward H. and Myrtle (Southwick) Frederick.
- Dec. 15 Donald Chandler, son of  
Elmer R. and Ella (Chandler) Pope.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED

Benjamin A. Dodge of Hamilton,  
Ruth F. (Linehan) Phaneuf of Hamilton.

Herbert A. Towne of Topsfield,  
Marjorie L. Sears of Hamilton.

Charles R. Appleton of Hamilton,  
Beatrice Mildred Paul of Salem.

Cornelius C. Felton of Hamilton,  
Hope Gaston of Boston.

Leroy S. Dodge of Hamilton,  
Gertrude L. (Smith) Hanna of Hamilton.

Lawrence C. Caverly of Hamilton,  
Mary Anna Proulx of Beverly.

Augustus Morehouse Shattuck of Marblehead,  
Dorothy Bouve of Salem.

Charles E. Clay of Danvers,  
Catherine Ruth Campbell of Danvers.

Elmer Roy Pope of Hamilton,  
Ella Whipple Chandler of Hamilton.

Stephen I. Cross of Hamilton,  
Grace M. Hooper of Hamilton.

Patrick Garrity of Hamilton,  
Johnnie Fondren of Hamilton.

John Louis McKeon of Newton,  
Dorothy Meserve Connors of Hamilton.

James P. Saulnier of Hamilton,  
Ida M. Wilson of Beverly.

George Chipman Feindle of Danvers,  
Ethel Mosher Sprott of Cambridge.

David Yule Edgar of Hamilton,  
Maggie Jean Smith of Lynn.

Revere W. Brooks of Manchester, Mass.,  
Doris May Stone of Hamilton.

Francis N. Shields of Hamilton,  
Kathleen Ruth Cousins of Washington, D. C.

Arthur F. MacGregor of Hamilton,  
M. Louise Dunn of Peabody.

Ernest G. Colwell of Hamilton,  
Marion E. Perley of Hamilton.

Theodore Albert Holland of Hamilton,  
Fannie Ella Foster of Hamilton.

Charles William Skinner of Hamilton,  
Dorothy Priscilla Hall of Greenwich Village, Mass.

John Alfred Foster of Hamilton,  
Francella K. Smith of Lynn.

John McGowan of Brookline,  
Annie McEnroy of Brookline.

M. Edward Hall of Hamilton,  
Mabel M. Hudder of Gloucester.

Charles H. Harding of Beverly,  
Helen M. Chisholm of Hamilton.

John C. Cunningham of Boston,  
Annie M. Saulnier of Hamilton.

Horace M. Smith of Hamilton,  
Dorothy Isabelle Lufkin of Gloucester.

Armand J. Longval of Salem,  
Doris Brumby of Hamilton.

Merton F. Gray of Hamilton,  
Carrie Augusta Courtis of Hamilton.

#### DEATHS RECORDED

1926

			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan.	7	Wilhelmina W. Dodge	74	3	1
Feb.	17	Walter H. Seavey	55	5	5
Feb.	18	Susan Howard	81	11	27
Mar.	1	Alice L. Vickery	63	8	21
Mar.	10	Cornelius Mullins	44		
Mar.	12	Arthur E. Whipple	53	3	13
Mar.	15	Sadie Manola Kenney	26	11	25

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Mar.	28	Maude M. Durham	63		
Mar.	31	Valmore Storer Cole	4	11	16
Apr.	2	Hattie F. Clark	49	6	17
Apr.	26	Isaac F. Day	84	0	15
May	2	George P. Ayers	69		
May	8	Frank Jones	50	11	
June	3	Edward Lester McGarry	58	6	5
June	5	Mary A. Cross	93	3	12
June	15	Hattie S. Dodge	54	2	16
June	28	Daniel W. Kimball	63	4	29
Aug.	2	Louisa J. Abbott	63		
Aug.	12	Martha F. Warner	55	2	0
Sept.	8	Mary A. Smith	71	9	4
Sept.	22	Agnes Mary Back	52		
Oct.	2	Adelaide D. Walsh	64	3	10
Oct.	14	Katherine Julia Brumby	50	8	7
Nov.	17	Susan L. Burnham	87	8	24
Nov.	22	Louis W. Tarr	31	2	0
Nov.	22	Eugene Howard Guild	45	6	26

## BROUGHT INTO TOWN

Died  
1926

		Henry Cleveland Perkins			
May	30	Georgianna A. Gwinn	56	7	8
Aug.	13	Charles S. Peabody	79	3	14
Sept.	12	Walter P. Taylor	67		
Dec.	8	S. Anna Holden	74	10	14

## REGISTRATION

The Registrars of Voters met as follows in year 1926: Three times at Engine House, South Hamilton, and three times at the Town Hall.

At these meetings the registration was as follows:

Men	60
Women	44
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Total	104

The total number of voters at the close of registration was as follows:

Men	491
Women	396
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Total	889

## DOG LICENSES

Male	128	@	\$2.00	\$256 00
Female	42	@	5.00	210 00
Breeder's	2	@	50.00	100 00
Breeder's	3	@	25.00	75 00
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Total receipts				\$641 00
Less fees				35 00
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Paid Essex County				\$606 00

## HUNTING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Sporting licenses	85	@	\$2.25	\$191 25
Trapping licenses	1	@	2.25	2 25
Minors' trapping licenses	2	@	0.75	1 50
Duplicate licenses	1	@	0.50	50
				—
Total receipts				\$195 50
Less fees				22 00
				—
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts				\$173 50

## OTHER LICENSES

Junk licenses	.	.	.	\$50 00
Auto (second hand dealer)	.	.	.	19 00
Denatured Alcohol	.	.	.	3 00
Pool and Bowling	.	.	.	2 00
Auctioneer's	.	.	.	2 00
Oleomargarine	.	.	.	1 50
				—
Paid Town Treasurer	.	.	.	\$77 50

## TOWN MEETINGS

Town meetings in 1926 were as follows:

Annual, March 9, 1926.

Special, August 30, 1926.

Appropriations at above meetings were as follows:

At Annual Town Meeting:

From Revenue	\$136,162.33
From Surplus	5,500.00

At Special Town Meeting:

From Surplus	500.00
Respectfully submitted,	

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,

*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

Value of buildings	\$3,153,750 00
Value of land	1,514,960 00
Value of real estate	<hr/> \$4,668,710 00
Value of personal estate	701,361 00
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Total valuation	\$5,370,071 00
Tax on real estate	\$112,982 87
Tax on personal estate	16,974 14
Tax on polls	1,250 00
	<hr/> \$131,207 01
Moth assessment	1,217 70
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Total commitment	\$132,424 71
Rate per thousand	\$24 20
Number of horses	168
"    "    cows	110
"    "    neat cattle	10
"    "    swine	4
"    "    fowl	1950
"    "    dwellings	899
"    "    acres of land	8833 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    "    residents assessed on property	793
"    "    residents all other	75
"    "    non-residents on property	435
"    "    non-residents all other	67
"    "    polls only	35
Total number assessed	1,405

## EXPENDITURES

Town appropriations	\$136,162 33
Overlay deficit	200 00
State Tax	8,040 00
State Highway Tax	1,203 70
State Audit Tax	198 46
County Tax	7,134 72
Tuberculosis Hospital Maintenance	972 32
Overlay	1,700 04
Total expenditures	—————
	\$155,611 57

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$17,128 56
Corporation Tax	3,200 00
Bank Tax	500 00
Licenses	75 00
Fines	10 00
Special Assessment (Moth)	1,170 00
General Government	40 00
Protection of Persons and Property	120 00
Health and Sanitation	113 00
Charities	900 00
Soldiers' Benefits	228 00
Libraries	20 00
Interest on Deposits	250 00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	600 00
All Other	50 00
Total Estimated Receipts	—————
	\$24,404 56

## SUMMARY

Total amount to be raised		\$155,611 57
Estimated Receipts	\$24,404 56	
625 Polls	1,250 00	
	—————	—————
		25,654 56
Tax on Property		\$129,957 01
625 Polls		1,250 00
	—————	—————
Total Taxes		\$131,207 01
Special Moth Assessment		1,217 70
	—————	—————
Total Commitment		\$132,424 71

## ABATEMENTS ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Levy of 1926		\$424 57
Levy of 1925		260 45
Levy of 1924		1 05

## PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Agreeable to Section 5, Clause 12, of the Revised Laws:

Church Property \$38,600 00

Agreeable to Section 5, Clause 3, of the Revised Laws:

<i>Hamilton Housing</i>	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>	<i>Total</i>
Incorporated	\$2,100 00	\$59,500 00	\$61,600 00

Town Property:

Town Hall	5,000 00	68,000 00	73,000 00
Schools	7,000 00	100,000 00	107,000 00
Fire Department	8,000 00	7,600 00	15,600 00
Highway	6,000 00		6,000 00

Libraries	3,000 00	3,000 00
Moth Department	1,200 00	1,200 00
Weights and Measures	1,000 00	1,000 00
Parks	3,000 00	3,000 00

## Clause 12, Section 5, Chapter 59:

Cemetery	\$7,200 00	\$7,200 00
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## Clause 15, Section 5, Chapter 59:

## Property held for care of cemetery:

Perpetual Care Fund	\$9,055 59
Special Cemetery Fund	1,196 53

The Board of Assessors in making the report for the year 1926 call attention to an increase in valuation on real estate of \$193,315.00 and on personal \$9,858.00, total \$203,173.00.

Notwithstanding this increase in valuations, the tax rate had to be increased for the following reason,—the expenditures were increased \$4,904.26 and the receipts decreased \$2,074.61.

We wish at this time to call attention to the law requiring all taxpayers to file a list of all property owned on April 1st on or before May 15th, particularly in regard to personal property. Failing to do so you are liable to an increase in valuation, as the Assessors have in many instances to guess and if their guess is too high, you may file a list before April 1st after receipt of tax bill and if an abatement is made you are subjected to a 50% penalty for failure to file the original list.

We recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for the year 1927.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE H. GIBNEY

GEORGE E. SAFFORD

JESSE S. MANN

*Board of Assessors.*

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Hamilton, Mass., January 2, 1927.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

*Gentlemen:* The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit the following as the twelfth annual report of the department.

Alterations have been made at the Engine House during the past year, which allow for proper housing of the apparatus, with good working conditions on the apparatus floor. There have been two cisterns constructed, one located on Maple near Asbury Street, and the other at the junction of School and Essex Streets. Two more should be built this year: one located near Asbury Grove, the other at Hamilton Center. We recommend their construction. We recommend in the budget the repainting of the Company Room.

The building of a department with modern equipment and a trained personnel should be and always is the aim of fire department officials, but we are all inclined to neglect bringing to the attention of our citizens their duty in relating to fire prevention. The slogan of the Fire Chiefs of America for 1927 is, PREVENT FIRES. We pass it on to the citizens of the country. Carelessness is responsible for a large number of fires and if we desire to save money in the department it will be necessary to reduce the number of alarms answered. This can only be accomplished by each of us being a little more careful.

The department has responded to seven still and twenty-six bell alarms during 1926, appended report of which follows.

Date	Dist.	In	Out	Owner	Street	Description
Jan. 10	S	6.25- 6.35	P. M.	H. O. Phippen	Walnut	House
28	31	12.10-12.25	P. M.	A. W. Jaquith	Garfield	No fire
Mar. 11	21	4.05- 5.20	A. M.	B. & A. R.R.	B. & M. R.R.	Potato car
Apr. 10	21	3.10- 3.33	P. M.	R. Robertson, Jr.	Asbury	Grass
14	25	11.34-12.37	A. M.	F. Appleton	Farms Rd.	Woods
17	21	9.30- 9.37	A. M.	J. G. Corcoran	Main	Rubbish
17	23	4.08- 4.55	P. M.	W. G. Mitchell	Bridge	Grass
19	21	10.38-10.54	A. M.	F. Kolaski	Hamilton	Grass and rubbish
19	21	11.37-11.44	A. M.	D. Morneau	Cottage	Stove
20	21	7.25- 7.55	A. M.	L. E. McGarry	Walnut	Roof
21	21	2.48- 3.10	P. M.	J. R. Morphew	Lois	Grass
23	23	10.58-11.12	A. M.	G. S. Mandell	Bridge	Grass
30	12	4.55- 5.13	P. M.	G. K. Knowlton	School	Grass
May 6	12	3.50- 4.55	P. M.	C. S. Knowlton	School	Grass
10	12	3.20- 4.08	P. M.	C. S. Knowlton	School	Grass
12	23	6.32- 7.05	P. M.	Myopia Club	Off Main	Grass and rubbish
15	14	1.30- 4.15	P. M.	L. B. Bailey	Sagamore	Empty house
25	13	2.00- 2.18	P. M.	W. Patch	School	Woods
June 29	31	10.45- 2.15	P. M.	G. W. Nichols	Asbury Grove	House
29	S	9.50-12.45	P. M.	G. W. Nichols	Asbury Grove	Rust
July 5	21	10.10-10.45	P. M.	J. D. MacDonald		Roof

Date	Dist.	In	Out	Owner	Street	Description
22	31	7.00-	7.55 P. M.	G. S. Adams	Highland	Chimney
22	S	2.00-	2.15 P. M.	B. & M. R.R.	Near Ashbury	Tires
Ang.	S	2.50-	3.30 A. M.	L. Fisher	Off Lakecroft	Auto
Sept.	4	21	9.05- 9.35 P. M.	J. Brown, Jr.	Main	Rubbish
	S	8.00-	8.30 P. M.	Unknown.	Farms Rd.	Auto
19	S	12.15-	1.15 P. M.	L. E. Libby	Monlton	Grass
Oct.	12			Wenham		
18	23	8.30-	9.07 P. M.	A. Cochrane 1st.	Main	Chimney
Nov.	1	1.3	5.20- 5.15 P. M.	R. Caverley	School	Auto
2	21	5.15-	7.00 A. M.	L. M. Whipple	Linden	House
Dec.	18	4.05-	9.00 P. M.	H. P. McKean	Wenham	House
	19	9.00-	3.00 P. M.	H. P. McKean	Wenham	House

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER H. KNOWLES,  
HARRY R. MACGREGOR,  
LESTER M. WHIPPLE,  
FRANK DANE,  
RODNEY H. ADAMS.

## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

Hamilton, Mass., January 29, 1927.

The lot of land which was turned over to the town by Mr. Frederick H. Prince, in connection with the re-location of the road in the vicinity of the old Chebacco House, was given into our custody last summer. Through the generosity of Mr. Prince, the underbrush was cleared and a roadway built from the main highway down to the shore of the lake. We have cleared the land still further, making it suitable for the use of the public, and a sign bearing the name "CHEBACCO PARK" has been placed on the grounds in a conspicuous place. The park affords the only public means of access in Hamilton to the lake. It is an ideal spot for picnics and has proved very popular with campers.

It was brought to our attention by Mr. Nathan Matthews and Col. J. C. R. Peabody that the evergreen trees around the Soldiers' Memorial would soon grow so large as to dwarf the remainder of the shrubbery and also the boulder. Mr. Matthews very kindly offered to replace these trees with arbor vitae at his own expense, prior to next Memorial Day, and we have accepted his offer.

It is our opinion that a curbstone should be placed around Soldiers' Green at the earliest opportunity.

Another plot of land which has come under our jurisdiction this year is the Dorothy Winthrop Memorial Lot, located on Union Street. From the time this land was acquired by the town up to the beginning of this year, no attempt had been made to keep it in proper condition. As a result, we found this property in a deplorable state. It had been used as a dumping ground, a portion of the soil had been removed, and a private road had been established over a part of the land. At our request the Board of

Health placed "No Dumping" signs in suitable places on the lot. The money appropriated at the last Annual Town Meeting was used to construct a fence along the side facing Linden Street extension. We think this will help to prevent improper use of the grounds, but it is our firm belief that this fence should be continued around the remainder of the lot, and with this end in view we have asked for a special appropriation to cover extending it along the Union Street side. Until the fence is completed, we feel that it is not advisable to spend very much money for upkeep of this property.

Various plans have been considered for beautifying Central Park. As mentioned in a previous report, it is our opinion that steps should be taken to establish a suitable approach to Cutler's Pond from the Park. Mr. Nathan Matthews has offered to furnish, without expense to the town, all the trees and shrubs needed to make Central Park attractive as a pleasure ground, provided the town will appropriate enough money to cover the actual expense of digging and planting.

We believe that it is especially fitting that Central Park, on account of its location on the main highway in the immediate vicinity of the Town Hall and Soldiers' Green and places of historical interest, be made as beautiful and attractive as possible; consequently we urge that Mr. Matthews' generous offer be accepted, and we have inserted an article in the warrant to cover this project.

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE,  
GEORGE G. HARADEN,  
LAWRENCE R. STONE.

## LIST OF JURORS 1927

Frank Dane, Union Street, foreman.  
Charles A. Smerage, Rust Street, R.R. conductor.  
John E. Cox, Main Street, foreman.  
William A. Brumby, Main Street, chauffeur.  
Fred A. Saunders, Railroad Avenue, clerk.  
Oscar A. Wood, Bridge Street, carpenter.  
Daniel P. McGinley, Park Street, machinist.  
Otho L. Charles, Plum Street, chauffeur.  
Finlay D. MacDonald, Union Street, carpenter.  
Frank L. Bailey, Highland Street, electrician.  
George F. Cross, Walnut Street, carpenter.  
Robert H. Chittick, Jr., Asbury Street, machinist.  
Samuel G. Goodhue, Asbury Street, real estate.  
Edward A. DeWitt, Rust Street, carpenter.  
Foster E. Tappan, Goodhue Street, farmer.  
Walter E. Cheever, Knowlton Street, farmer.  
Earl E. Johnson, Main Street, news agent.  
George M. Adams, Highland Street, farmer.  
Edward A. Underhill, Main Street, forester.  
John J. Crosby, Railroad Avenue, retired.  
George H. Sprague, off Bridge Street, farmer.  
Hamilton, Mass., January 31, 1927.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF SELLING CERTAIN SCHOOL HOUSES

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Hamilton, Mass., February 2, 1927.

*To the Board of Selectmen,  
Mr. Jonathan Lamson, Chairman,  
Hamilton, Mass.*

GENTLEMEN:

In compliance with the vote at the Annual Town Meeting held March 9, 1926.

We, the committee appointed to consider the advisability of selling and removing from the premises the North, Center and West School houses, recommend that the buildings be sold and the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of same.

Very respectfully,

FRANK P. TRUSSELL  
L. M. WHIPPLE  
GEORGE H. SPRAGUE

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hamilton, Mass., February, 1927.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

*Gentlemen:* I wish to submit my annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Whole number of arrests during the year, thirty-eight, divided as follows:

Male	36
Female	2
Adults	25
Minors	13
Native Born	14
Foreign Born	24
Residents	5
Non-residents	33

### OFFENSES

Drunkenness and disturbing peace	2
Disturbing peace	1
Drunk and assault	1
Breaking and entering and larceny	1
Driving under influence of liquor	5
Gaming on Lord's day	14
Larceny	3
Accessory before facts	1
Forgery	1
Automobile speeding	1
Keeping disorderly house	1
Violation of liquor law	2
Violation of automobile law	2
Drunk	3

## DISPOSITION

Fined and paid	22
Arrested for Ipswich police	1
Cases filed	3
Case dismissed	1
Sherburn six months	1
Salem jail one year	1
One year in House of Correction	1
Appealed cases	3
Drunk and released	2
Drunk, three months' suspended sentence, probation one year	1

## SUPERIOR COURT

Cases on docket	4
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## ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS

Arthur Southwick	20
Fred F. Stillings	7
Alvin L. Perley	5
Roland W. A. Fletcher	3
Benjamin Dodge	1
Frank Dever	1
Fred A. Saunders	1

## OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE AT COURT

Arthur Southwick	42
Fred F. Stillings	14
Alvin L. Perley	11
Roland W. A. Fletcher	9
Fred A. Saunders	4
Benjamin Dodge	1
Oscar A. Wood	2
Frank Dever	4

## COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

Arthur Southwick	139
Fred F. Stillings	21
Alvin L. Perley	48
Frank Dever	25
Roland W. A. Fletcher	21
Fred A. Saunders	12
Oscar A. Wood	5

Automobile licenses and registrations revoked or suspended during year 1926 in Hamilton by Frank A. Goodwin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles:

License revoked	4
Licenses suspended	5
Registrations revoked	4

Number of motor vehicle accidents in Hamilton, where persons were injured, during the year 1926, reported to police	7
Number of motor vehicle accidents in Hamilton during the year 1926, property damage only, reported to police	41

## HOURS OF DUTY PERFORMED BY OFFICERS

Southwick	1,272
Stillings	501
Perley	432
Dever	332
Haraden	83
Fletcher	235½
Saunders	175
Wood	92
B. Dodge	63
W. Dodge	27½
J. Keefe	8½
Special Officers	34

## MISCELLANEOUS

Automobiles reported stolen	18
Automobiles stolen in town	5
Automobiles recovered	7
Automobile tires stolen	11
Automobile tires recovered	5
Other property reported lost or stolen, value about	\$800
Other property found and recovered, value about	\$425
Complaints received	340
Complaints investigated	308
Fires extinguished	3
Disturbances	24
Dogs reported lost or stolen	15
Dogs found and returned	8
Dogs killed	11
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town	22
Lights reported out	94
Summons served for out-of-town officers	16
Dangerous wires reported or removed	3
Accidents reported	48
Accidents resulting in death	2
Persons received assistance	4
Police assistance to out-of-town officers	8
Police assistance by out-of-town officers	7
Court attendance for 1926	87
Report to Prison Commission	1
Report to Highway Commission	10
Letters, postal cards, and notices sent out, about	132
Letters, postal cards, and notices received, about	420
Person committing suicide	1
Person on suspicion	1

Respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK,

*Chief of Police.*

## REPORT OF THE SNOW REMOVAL COMMITTEE

*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

Your Committee to consider the question of snow removal met and organized as follows: Bayard Tuckerman, Chairman; Finlay MacDonald, Secretary.

After a thorough discussion of ways and means to take care of snow removal it was unanimously voted to recommend that the Town carry on with present equipment.

The Committee also recommends that the Surveyor of Highways contract for additional trucks as per bids received.

The purchase of 1,000 feet of snow fence by the Surveyor of Highways is also recommended.

Yours respectfully,

BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR., *Chairman*,  
FINLAY MACDONALD, *Secretary*,  
GEORGE V. L. MEYER,  
J. C. R. PEABODY,  
L. A. HASKELL,  
WILLIAM W. BANCROFT,  
CHARLES E. WHIPPLE,  
JONATHAN LAMSON,  
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS.

## WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

*Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of  
Hamilton,*

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the eighth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven (March 8, 1927) at fifteen minutes before six in the forenoon (5.45 o'clock A. M.), then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for:

Moderator, for one year.

Town Clerk, for one year.

Three Selectmen, for one year.

Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health, three for one year.

One Assessor, for three years.

Treasurer, for one year.

Tax Collector, for one year.

Tree Warden, for one year.

Three Constables, for one year.

One Library Trustee, for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.

One Park Commissioner, for three years.

One member of the School Committee, for three years.

One member of the School Committee, for two years.

One Surveyor of Highways, for one year.

All on one ballot.

The polls will open at fifteen minutes before six in the morning (5.45 A. M.) and will close at one o'clock in the afternoon (1 o'clock P. M.). After the close of the Polls the remaining articles of the warrant shall be acted upon.

ARTICLE 2. To choose and appoint all other town officers in such manner as the town shall determine.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the town officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways and all town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$3,792.90 from the Overlay Reserve Fund to cover the overdraft of the Snow Removal appropriation for the year 1926.

ARTICLE 6. To see what action the Town will take towards building two cisterns for fire purposes, one to be located in the vicinity of Asbury Grove, and one at Hamilton Center. The locations to be set by the Board of Selectmen and Engineers of the Fire Department jointly, construction of said cisterns to be contracted for and supervised by the Board of Selectmen, and appropriate the sum of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars for same, as petitioned for by the Board of Fire Engineers.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will accept Lois Street so called, as laid out by the Selectmen and as per plan on file in the Town Clerk's office and appropriate the sum of \$2,000. to grade and gravel same as petitioned for by Emily W. Tozier and others or to take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to continue the building of permanent highway on Essex and Woodbury Streets to the Wenham town line and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the same.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to reconstruct Moulton Street and a part of Sagamore Street or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to resurface Willow Street from Asbury Street to Railroad Avenue and reconstruct Willow Street from Railroad Avenue to Linden Street, the same to be let by public bid and to be completed by June 15. 1927, or take any action thereon as petitioned for by Francis C. Moynihan and others.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for guard rail and street signs or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to build a catch-basin near the junction of Bridge and Sagamore Streets and appropriate a sum of money for same or take any action thereon as petitioned for by Jerry F. Hawkins and others.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to erect a fire escape on the Town Hall as ordered by the State Building Inspector of the Department of Public Safety and appropriate the sum of \$700.00.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will allow the school children, the A. P. Gardner Post 194 American Legion, the Community Service, the Sir Galahad Club, the St. Paul's Boys Club and any other fraternal or charitable organization of the Town to play basketball in the Town Hall and appropriate the sum of

fifty dollars (\$50.00) to repair the basketball equipment or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Robert Robertson, Jr., and others.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will take any action towards securing or erecting a suitable building for indoor athletics and assemblies for the use of the schools, etc., and to appoint a committee for this purpose or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Walfred B. Sellman and others.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on the Topsfield Road also called Asbury Street at a point about 200 feet from the junction of Highland and Asbury Streets and directly at the entrance and exit to Asbury Grove via Hedding Avenue as petitioned for by Benjamin A. Dodge and others.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Western Avenue and appropriate a sum of money for same or take any action thereon as petitioned for by William H. Evans and others.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to cover the cost of planting trees and shrubs on Central Park as petitioned for by the Park Commissioners.

ARTICLE 19. To see what action the Town will take towards continuing the fence on the Dorothy Winthrop Memorial Lot along the Union Street side and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 therefor as petitioned for by the Park Commissioners.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to move the Center School building to the lot in the rear of the Town Hall and remodel same so that it may be used for the storage of town property and appropriate a sum of money for the same or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the school house, so called "East School" located on School Street, Hamilton, to "The Adelaide D. Walsh School" in memory of one, now deceased, who served many faithful years on the School Board of this Town, as petitioned for by Clarissa E. Ready and others.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Hamilton as follows:

To add to Chapter VII the following sections:

SECTION 13. No vehicle shall stand with its left side to a curb or sidewalk of a public street.

SECTION 14. No vehicle shall be stopped for any purpose in such a way as to obstruct any public street or crossing, except in case of accident.

SECTION 15. No vehicle shall be stopped or stand within an intersection of any public street, nor within twenty (20) feet of a public street corner.

SECTION 16. No vehicle shall remain backed up to a curb or sidewalk, except when actually loading or unloading.

SECTION 17. No vehicle shall be parked in any public street, except close to a curb or sidewalk.

SECTION 18. No vehicle shall be driven in any public street to the left of a white traffic line or traffic signal.

As petitioned for by the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1928, in anticipation of the

revenue of said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from revenue of said municipal year.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 25. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

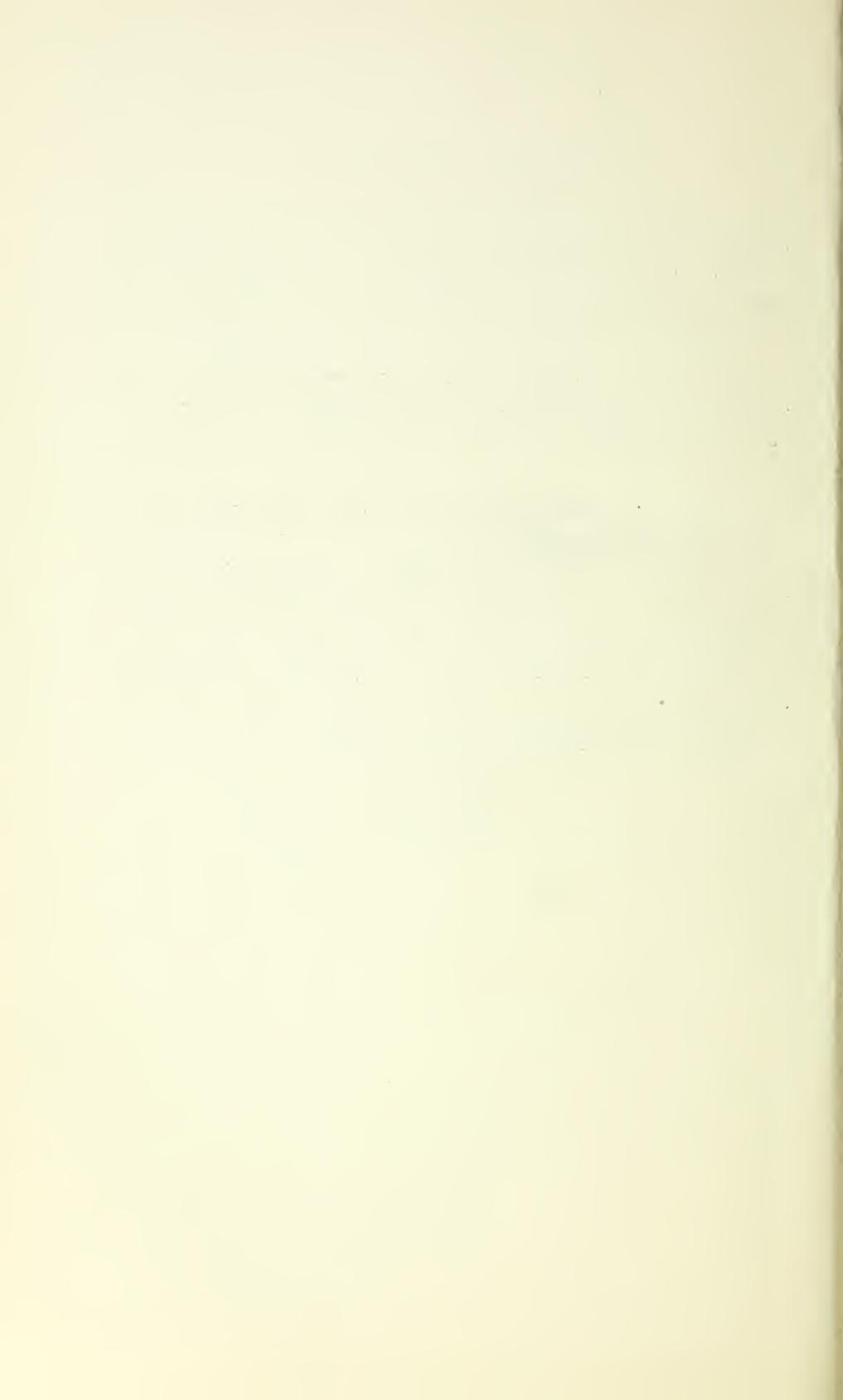
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at each of three post offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of February, A. D. 1927.

BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR.  
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,  
JONATHAN LAMSON,

*Selectmen of Hamilton.*



TOWN OF HAMILTON  
REPORT  
OF THE  
Finance and Advisory Committee  
ON THE  
Appropriations and Articles  
FOR THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 8, 1927



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## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

Your Committee is still seeking ways and means to keep expenses down and reduce taxes. A great deal of time and study has been given to the question—many hours have been spent in consultation with officials at the State House and with officials of other towns in order that our recommendations may be fair and conservative.

It is no new problem that confronts the Town. Many have gone through the same phase of thinking that taxes are levied to be spent, and that there is always more available if the appropriation is used up. The various departments in their zeal and eagerness to be efficient are apt to spend money on what seem necessities, whereas, in many instances, if they could not get any money, the department would get on quite as well on a more moderate scale. It is our task to keep them down to actual necessities.

We quote again a paragraph from our last year's report:

“There is the danger every family, or business, or town, or government faces—namely, over-expansion, seeking to do a little more than it can afford *or actually needs* to do, and the prosperous family, or business, or town, or government is the one which comfortably and judiciously lives within its actual requirements and not beyond its actual needs.”

Your Committee has the difficult and most unpopular task of trying to convince various departments that they are going beyond their actual needs, and that they can operate on less appropriation.

Where we have recommended less than requested we have done so after careful study and can give you facts and figures to substantiate our action at the Town Meeting.

We sincerely thank several department heads who voluntarily reduced their requests and are grateful for their cooperation and interest.

We suggest that the departments submit yearly an inventory of their equipment.

Your Committee regrets to report extravagance in the removal of snow and urges that a committee of seven be appointed by the Moderator to study this question and make recommendations to the Surveyor of Highways. It must be remembered that the Surveyor cannot please everyone and that he must at all times rely on your cooperation and tolerance. His task is to keep the highways passable and safe and he should not be asked or expected to do much of the unnecessary shovelling that has cost thousands of dollars.

There have been four snow storms and their cost (exclusive of gas and oil, and wear and tear, storage, etc., on the town truck) were as follows:

	<i>Two Hired</i>				
	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Trucks</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Total</i>
Dec. 5, 1926—10 in.	\$761.80	57	\$905.63	\$197.74	\$1,865.17
Dec. 26, 1926—8 in.	622.00	37	254.00		876.00
Jan. 11, 1927—9 in.	661.80	69	510.00	94.25	1,208.05
Jan. 16, 1927—3 in.	356.08	50	309.30	26.00	691.38
	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————
	\$2,401.68		\$1,978.93	\$317.99	\$4,640.60

Repairs, gas, oil and sundries amount up to over \$1,600, making the total cost of snow removal Dec. 1 to date (Feb. 11th) over \$6,300.

Your Committee is endeavoring to analyze the labor costs, and believe that with your cooperation the Surveyor will be able to substantially reduce them in the future.

There follows a list of the general appropriations, expenses a year ago, requests for 1927 and recommendations for 1927 by this Committee, also the recommendations on certain articles in the warrant.

G. v. L. MEYER, *Chairman*

J. C. R. PEABODY, *Vice Chairman*

L. A. HASKELL, *Secretary*

F. D. MACDONALD

	<i>Appropriated</i> 1926	<i>Over-draft</i> 1926	<i>Spent</i> 1926	<i>Balance</i> 1926	<i>Requested</i> 1927	<i>Recommended</i> 1927
Moderator	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Finance Com.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Selectmen	\$1,300 00	\$98 86	\$1,398 86	.....	\$1,250 00	\$1,250 00
Accounting	1300 00	.....	1,292 25	7 75	1,300 00	1,300 00
Treasury	900 00	25 00	912 66	12 34	925 00	925 00
Tax Collector	900 00	.....	837 88	62 12	900 00	900 00
Assessors	1,500 00	429 42	1,929 42	.....	2,500 00	1,500 00
Cert. of Notes	15 00	.....	14 00	1 00	20 00	20 00
Law	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	300 00	200 00
Town Clerk	650 00	.....	639 22	10 78	650 00	650 00
Elec. and Reg.	900 00	.....	764 81	135 19	550 00	500 00
Town Hall	2,000 00	260 00	2,165 35	94 65	2,200 00	2,200 00
Town Hall Ins.	250 00	.....	250 00	.....	1,200 00	1,200 00
Police	2,100 00	524 50	2,424 50	.....	2,100 00	2,100 00
Fire	2,200 00	439 49	2,639 49	.....	2,750 00	2,500 00
Fire Cisterns	3,000	.....	2,980 00	20 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Sealer	250 00	35 00	284 57	43	385 00	300 00
Moth, Town	3,000 00	.....	2,998 65	1 35	.....	2,200 00
Moth, Private	1,500 00	.....	1,483 93	16 07	1,500 00	1,500 00
Tree Warden	500 00	.....	489 37	10 63	500 00	500 00
Tree Planting	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	300 00
For. Fire Ward.	65 00	2 0 00	74 75	10 25	85 00	85 00
Health	1,800 00	.....	1,003 08	796 92	1,800 00	1,800 00
Insp. of Animals	60 00	5 20	65 20	.....	75 00	75 00
Highway	16,500 00	.....	16,491 92	8 08	17,000 00	21,000 00
Highw'y. Sp.	3,000 00	59 90	3,059 90	.....	.....	.....
Essex St.	10,000 00	500 00	10,500 00	.....	*	*
Sundry Sts.	4,500 00	.....	4,472 00	28 00	**	**
Snow	13,551 00	195 45	17,621 96	***	***	***
Street Lights	7,800 00	.....	7,723 54	76 46	7,875 00	7,875 00
Poor	4,000 00	.....	3,774 51	225 49	4,000 00	4,000 00
State Aid	300 00	.....	264 00	36 00	300 00	300 00
Soldiers' Relief	450 00	75 00	483 15	41 85	500 00	500 00
Schools	46,000 00	.....	46,000 00	.....	45,000 00	44,500 00
Pub. Library	2,400 00	.....	2,422 06	.....	2,000 00	2,000 00
Parks	350 00	.....	317 90	32 10	350 00	350 00
Winth. Pk. Fce.	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	250 00	250 00
Memorial Day	250 00	.....	244 70	5 30	250 00	250 00
Town Reports	401 00	.....	401 00	.....	400 00	400 00
Town Clock	50 00	.....	29 16	20 84	50 00	50 00
Amer. Leg.	250 00	.....	250 00	.....	250 00	250 00
Boiler Ins.	75 00	.....	62 08	12 92	50 00	50 00
Game Warden	15 00	.....	10 00	5 00	15 00	15 00
Reserve	3,000 00	.....	2,907 37	92 63	3,000 00	3,000 00
Cemetery	900 00	.....	880 40	19 60	900 00	900 00
Interest	3,300 00	289 55	3,603 99	.....	3,600 00	3,600 00

Total \$114,295 00

Matur. Debts. 5,500 00 ..... 5,500 00 ..... \$5,000 00 \$5,000 00

\*Provided for in Article 8.

\*\*Included in \$21,000 and Article 10.

\*\*\*To be determined.

sTo be taken from Surplus and not from taxes.

Article 5. Snow Overdraft, \$3,792.90. Recommended \$3,792.90 from the Overlay Reserve Fund	.....
Article 6. Fire Cisterns. This amount has been provided for in the general appropriations and this article is therefore to be laid on the table .....	.....
Article 7. Lois Street. Recommended that this be laid on the table for further investigation .....	.....
Article 8. Essex and Woodbury Streets. Recommended .....	.....
	6,000 00
Article 9. Inasmuch as money has been provided for in the general highway appropriation for this purpose, this article may be laid on the table .....	.....
Article 10. Willow Street. Recommended that not in excess of \$3,000 be appropriated for this purpose, said job to be let by public bid and awarded by the Selectmen .....	3,000 00
Article 11. Guard rails and street signs. Recommended .....	1,000 00
Article 12. Recommended to be laid on the table.	
Article 13. Fire Escape. The State demands this. Recommended a sum not in excess of \$700 and that contract be let to public bid by the Selectmen.	
Article 14. The State Inspector of Buildings has condemned the hall for basketball. It is, therefore, illegal for the Town to vote permission until State condemnation has been lifted, subsequent to the construction of fire escape and other requirements have been conformed to .....	.....
Article 15. Recommended that this Article be laid on the table .....	.....
Articles 16 and 17. Provision has been made for these lights in the General Appropriations, and these two Articles may be laid on the table .....	.....

Article 18. A resident has kindly donated shrubs for this purpose, provided the Town will supply the labor. For this purpose it is recommended ..	300 00
Article 19. Provision has been made for this purpose in the General Appropriations and this Article may be laid on the table .....	.....
Article 20. Further facts needed before recommendation can be made .....	.....
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Total Articles .....	\$11,000 00
Total General Appropriation .....	114,295 00
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Grand Total Appropriation .....	\$125,295 00

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS  
AND TAXATION**

**DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS**

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**REPORT OF AN AUDIT**

**OF**

**THE ACCOUNTS**

**OF THE**

**TOWN OF HAMILTON**

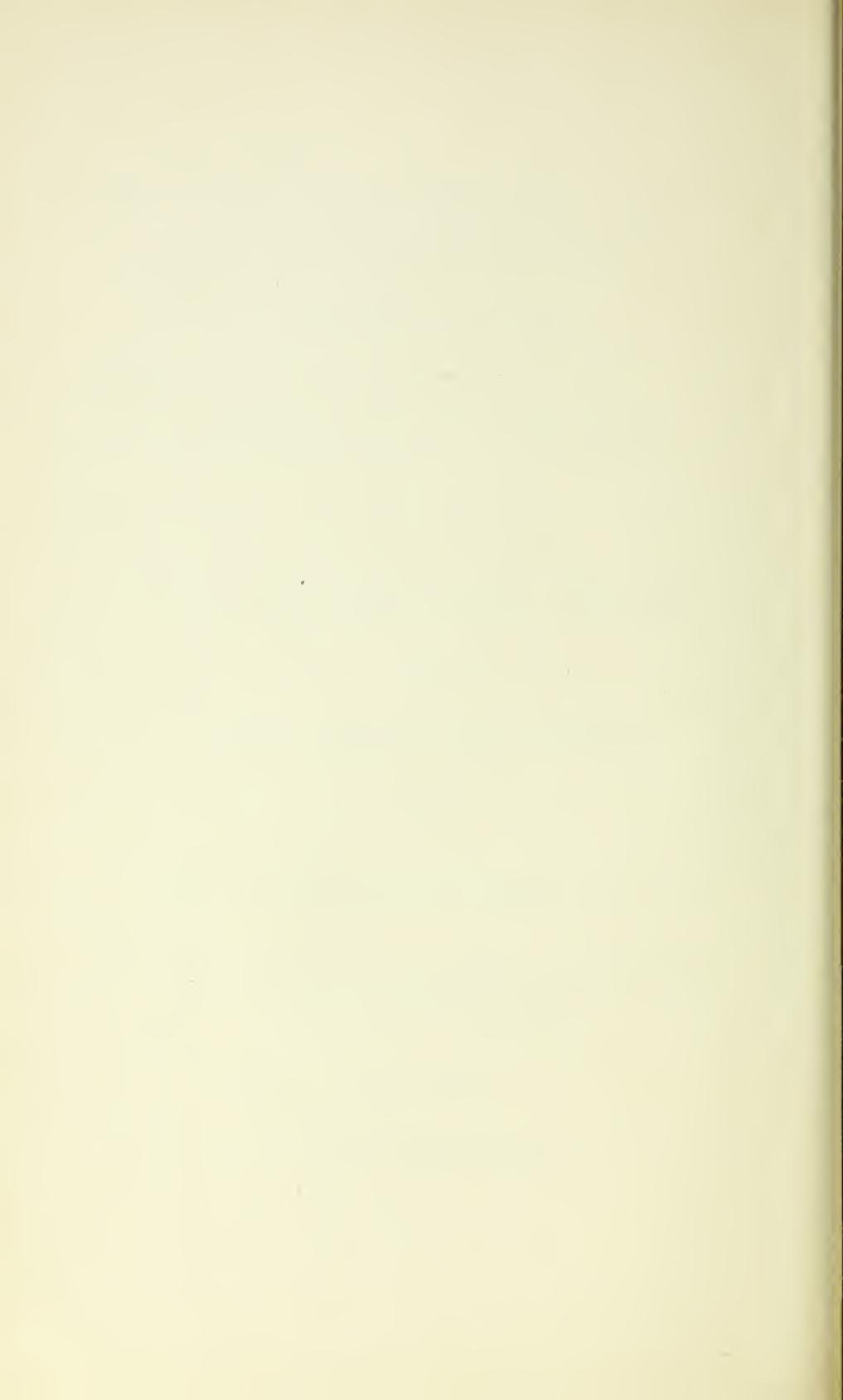
**FOR**

**The Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 1926**

Made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35,  
Chapter 44 General Laws

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**February 15, 1927**



## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION  
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

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February 15, 1927.

*To the Board of Selectmen,*

MR. JONATHAN LAMSON, *Chairman,*  
*Hamilton, Massachusetts.*

*Gentlemen:*

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Hamilton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1926, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,  
*Director of Accounts.*

TNW/JMC

## REPORT OF CHIEF EXAMINER

MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL,  
Director of Accounts,  
Department of Corporations and Taxation,  
State House, Boston.

*Sir:*

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1926, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked with the books of the Town Accountant.

The books and accounts of the Town Accountant were examined and checked, the records of receipts being compared with the Treasurer's books.

The departmental accounts receivable were checked with the departmental records and the Treasurer's and the Collector's accounts.

The Treasury warrants authorizing payments were checked to the appropriation accounts in the ledger and were proved to the Treasurer's payments.

The classification book was examined and checked.

The appropriation accounts, as entered in the ledger, were checked to the Town Clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, the footings and postings were verified, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared, showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1926.

The books and accounts of the Treasurer were examined and checked. The payments were checked with the warrants authorizing the Treasurer to disburse town funds and with the Accountant's books.

The cash book was footed, and the balance, together with outstanding checks as listed, was reconciled to the amount in the bank as shown by the bank statement.

The outstanding debt was verified, and the debt and interest payments were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled notes, bonds and coupons on file.

A table showing a reconciliation of the Treasurer's bank balance is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the Tax Collector were examined and checked in detail. The payments to the Treasurer for all levies were checked to the Treasurer's cash book. The abatements as recorded were checked to the Assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding taxes were listed and proved to the ledger accounts of each levy.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. Replies from four taxpayers, claiming that their taxes have been paid, are being investigated.

A more determined effort should be made by the Tax Collector to keep the accounts in a systematic manner. Entries in the cash books and postings to the commitment books should be made promptly and accurately.

Tables relative to the tax levies are appended to this report.

The trust funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer were examined and verified. The securities representing the investments of the several funds were examined and listed, the income being proved. Schedules of the trust fund transactions were prepared and are appended to this report.

The Selectmen's record of licenses granted was examined and checked to the Town Clerk's records. The Town Clerk's record of fish and game licenses for the State, and of dog licenses for the county, were examined, and payments to the State and the county were verified by the receipts on file.

The surety bonds of the Treasurer, the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

For the courtesy and co-operation of the various officials during the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

*Chief Examiner.*

EHF/JMC

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1926	\$22,876 60
Receipts 1926	268,477 64
	—————
Payments 1926	\$270,147 88
Balance December 31, 1926	21,206 36
	—————
Balance January 1, 1927	\$21,206 36
Receipts January 1 to 22, 1927	20,126 78
	—————
Payments January 1 to 22, 1927:	\$41,333 14
Per warrants	\$22,827 22
Discount on revenue loan	632 05
	—————
	\$23,459 27
Balance January 22, 1927:	
Merchants National Bank of Salem	17,873 87
	—————
	\$41,333 14

## MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF SALEM

Balance January 22, 1927, per statement	\$19,563 03
Balance January 22, 1927, per check book	\$17,873 87
Outstanding checks January 22, 1927,	
per list	1,689 16

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\$19,563 03

## TAXES—1922

Outstanding January 1, 1926	\$13 40
Payments to Treasurer	\$13 40

## TAXES—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1926	\$257 28
Payments to Treasurer	\$127 70
Abatements	10 10
Outstanding December 31, 1926	119 48
	—————
	\$257 28

Outstanding January 1, 1927		\$119 48
Outstanding January 22, 1927, per list	\$108 93	
Cash on hand January 22, 1927 (paid Treasurer February 3, 1927)	10 55	
	—————	
		\$119 48

## TAXES—1924

Outstanding January 1, 1926	\$3,408 02	
Taxes 1925 reported as Taxes 1924	14	
	—————	
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,528 31	
Abatements	3 05	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	1,876 80	
	—————	
Outstanding January 1, 1927		\$3,408 16
Outstanding January 22, 1927, per list	\$1,769 80	
Cash on hand January 22, 1927 (paid Treasurer February 3, 1927)	107 00	
	—————	
		\$1,876 80

## TAXES—1925

Outstanding January 1, 1926	\$24,185 95	
Moth 1925 reported as Taxes 1925	1 40	
	—————	
Payments to Treasurer 1926	\$15,891 98	
Transferred to tax titles	35 70	
Abatements	280 85	
Taxes 1925 reported as Taxes 1924	14	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	7,978 68	
	—————	
Outstanding January 1, 1927		\$24,187 35
Outstanding January 22, 1927, per list	\$7,262 29	
Cash on hand January 22, 1927 (paid Treasurer February 3, 1927)	716 39	
	—————	
		\$7,978 68

## TAXES—1926

Commitment per warrant	\$131,207 01	
Additional commitment	153 62	
	—————	\$131,360 63
Abatement after payment (refunded),	60 50	
Abated, not committed	2 42	
Abatements rescinded	36 30	
Commitment list in excess of warrant	03	
	—————	\$131,459 88
Payments to Treasurer	\$109,781 22	
Abatements 1926	434 57	
Abatement not previously reported	15 55	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	21,230 54	
	—————	\$131,459 88
Outstanding January 1, 1927		\$21,230 54
Outstanding January 22, 1927, per list	\$19,751 68	
Cash on hand January 22, 1927 (paid Treasurer February 3, 1927)	1,478 86	
	—————	\$21,230 54

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1926		\$6 23
Payments to Treasurer	\$4 20	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	2 03	
	—————	\$6 23
Outstanding January 1, 1927		\$2 03
Outstanding January 22, 1927, per list		\$2 03

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1924

Outstanding January 1, 1926		\$19 93
Payments to Treasurer	\$12 89	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	7 04	
	—————	\$19 93

Outstanding January 1, 1927		\$7 04
Outstanding January 22, 1927, per list	\$5 64	
Cash on hand January 22, 1927 (paid Treasurer February 3, 1927)	1 40	
	—————	
		\$7 04

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1925

Outstanding January 1, 1926		\$237 22
Payments to Treasurer	\$153 38	
Moth 1925 reported as Taxes 1925	1 40	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	82 44	
	—————	
Outstanding January 1, 1927		\$237 22
Outstanding January 22, 1927, per list	\$80 33	\$82 44
Cash on hand January 22, 1927 (paid Treasurer February 3, 1927)	2 11	
	—————	
		\$82 44

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1926

Commitment per warrant	\$1,217 70	
Overpayment to Treasurer (to be adjusted)	51	
	—————	
Payments to Treasurer	\$958 94	\$1,218 21
Warrant in excess of commitment list	1 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	258 27	
	—————	
Outstanding January 1, 1927		\$1,218 21
Outstanding January 22, 1927, per list	\$258 27	
		\$258 27

## INTEREST ON TAXES

Cash on hand January 1, 1926	\$15 68
Collections:	
Levy of 1922	\$1 80
Levy of 1923	12 56
Levy of 1924	186 69
Levy of 1925	371 41
Levy of 1926	64 81
	—————
	637 27
	—————
	\$652 95
Payments to Treasurer 1926	\$644 47
Cash on hand December 31, 1926 (paid Treasurer February 3, 1927)	8 48
	—————
	\$652 95

## HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Hunting and fishing licenses issued	\$195 50
Payments to State	\$173 50
Fees retained by Town Clerk	22 00
	—————
	\$195 50

## DOG LICENSES

Cash on hand January 1, 1926	\$102 00
Licenses issued:	
112 males @ \$2 00	\$224 00
38 females @ \$5 00	190 00
2 breeders @ \$50 00	100 00
1 breeder @ \$25 00	25 00
	—————
	539 00
	—————
Paid to County Treasurer	\$606 00
Fees retained by Town Clerk	35 00
	—————
	\$641 00

## DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

	<i>Savings</i>		
	<i>Cash</i>	<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year	\$56 46	\$500 00	\$556 46
On hand at end of year	<sup>1</sup> \$58 69	\$500 00	\$558 60
	1926		

RECEIPTS PAYMENTS

Income	\$24 29	Transferred to town	\$22 06
Cash on hand January		Cash on hand Decem-	
1, 1926	56 46	ber 31, 1926	58 69
Total	\$80 75	Total	\$80 75

<sup>1</sup>In general treasury.

## H. A. DODGE LIBRARY FUND

	<i>Savings</i>		
	<i>Cash</i>	<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year	\$146 74	\$1,000 00	\$1,146 74
On hand at end of year	<sup>1</sup> \$194 79	\$1,000 00	\$1,194 79
	1926		

RECEIPTS PAYMENTS

Income	\$48 05	Cash on hand Decem-	
Cash on hand January		ber 31, 1926	\$194 79
1, 1926	146 74	Total	\$194 79
Total	\$194 79		

<sup>1</sup>In general treasury.

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	<i>Savings</i>		
	<i>Deposits</i>		<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year		\$8,260 18	\$8,260 18
On hand at end of year		\$9,055 59	\$9,055 59

1926

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	
Income	\$367 66	Deposited in savings
Bequests	700 00	banks
Total	\$1,067 66	Care of lots
		Total
		\$1,067 66

## CEMETERY SPECIAL FUND

	<i>Savings</i>	<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year	\$1,136 53		\$1,136 53
On hand at end of year		\$1,196 53	\$1,196 53

1926

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	
Sale of lots	\$60 00	Deposited in savings
Total	\$60 00	banks
		Total
		\$60 00

## TOWN OF HAMILTON

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1926

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

*Assets*

## Cash:

In bank \$21,206 36

## Accounts Receivable:

## Taxes:

Levy of 1923	\$119 48
Levy of 1924	1,876 80
Levy of 1925	7,978 68
Levy of 1926	21,230 54
	31,205 50

## Special Assessments:

Moth 1923	\$2 03
Moth 1924	7 04
Moth 1925	82 44
Moth 1926	257 76
	349 27

## Departmental:

State Aid	\$264 00
Board of Health	235 30
Charity Department	166 66
	665 96

## Overdrawn Accounts:

Snow Removal (to be provided for in revenue 1927)	3,792 90
	\$57,219 99

*Liabilities*

## Temporary Loans:

In anticipation of revenue	\$20,000 00
Tailings	61 16
Dodge Library Fund Income	194 79
Allen Library Fund Income	58 69
Surplus War Bonus Fund	965 37

## Unexpended Balances:

Essex Street Construction account	5,044 95
Overlays (reserved for abatements):	
Levy of 1923	\$119 48
Levy of 1924	196 95
Levy of 1925	1,313 76
Levy of 1926	1,290 64
	—————
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)	2,920 83
Special Assessment Revenue	6,287 98
Departmental Revenue	349 27
Surplus Revenue	665 96
	—————
	20,670 99
	—————
	\$57,219 99

## DEBT ACCOUNT

*Assets*

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$34,500 00
	—————
	\$34,500 00

*Liabilities*

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	\$17,000 00
Permanent Highway Loan 1926	8,500 00
East Schoolhouse Loan	9,000 00
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	\$34,500 00

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

*Assets*

## Cash and Securities:

Trust Funds	\$10,555 59
Investment Fund	1,196 53
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	\$11,752 12

*Liabilities*

Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund	\$500 00
H. A. Dodge Library Fund	1,000 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	9,055 59
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Cemetery Special Funds	\$10,555 59
	1,196 53
	<hr/>
	\$11,752 12

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

Your Library Trustees report that for the past year the conduct of the Public Library has progressed in a most satisfactory manner. The circulation at both the main library and the branch has shown a healthy increase, approximating over nineteen thousand volumes.

There has been a constant demand for the Community Room at the Town Hall, and it has been enjoyed by nearly one thousand people. During the year we were able to purchase a handsome upright Ivers & Pond piano, which has been a great help to small parties including music in their entertainments.

For a statistical statement of the circulation, the issue of books, purchases, gifts and receipts from fines, we refer you to the detailed report of the Librarian.

We have tried to meet every requirement for all classes but, nevertheless, have endeavored to retrench the expenditures as much as possible. Last year we recommended a ten percent cut in the appropriation of the preceding year, and this year we are following the same policy and have requested an appropriation of Two Thousand Dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. WALSH, *Chairman*,  
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER,  
EDWARD A. UNDERHILL, *Secretary*.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

*To the Trustees of the Public Library:*

*Gentlemen:* I hereby submit my report of the library for the twelve months ending December 31, 1926.

The general activities of the library have gone on much as usual. We receive hearty co-operation from the teachers in the Public Schools. The amount of reference work has increased over that of last year, and the reading courses have interested the children to make a better acquaintance with the best books. We have selected all our juvenile books from the State and Youngstown lists.

These reading courses have proved of unquestionable value. They not only provide for systematic reading from books of high standard, but the necessity of telling the story of each book read, and filling out a report blank, prevents careless work and increases the cultivation of habits of lasting value.

In selecting books for addition to a library collection, it is necessary to be governed somewhat by the demand of the people. It is important that our library have on its shelves the latest books on scientific and technical information, reliable volumes of history and literature, as well as the ever-popular novel. In our town, the popular novels are most sought, but it is gratifying to see that the circulation of non-fiction is gradually increasing.

A questionnaire was sent to every library in the United States in 1925. Our library was put in class D—less than 20,000 volumes. Out of 370 libraries, of the highest 10, we headed the list as to circulation of fiction with 98%, leaving us only 2% as our circulation for non-fiction. It is earnestly hoped, that when the next questionnaire goes out, we will have a much larger percentage in the use of non-fiction.

In the percentage of total expenditures for books and periodicals, of the highest 10, among 489 libraries, we stand fourth in the list, the highest percentage being 59.1, the next two 54.9 and 54.8, and our percentage 54.5.

Gifts of books are herewith acknowledged. A few are mentioned—15 volumes of natural history, 2 volumes *Life of Abraham Lincoln*, also 7 volumes on the causes of the World War. Each volume of the World War set is bound in leather, with a coat of arms on the outside cover, a facsimile of the original art binding on the official copy signed by each of the seven nations of the Versailles Peace Treaty, England, France, Belgium, Italy, Poland, Uruguay, and Germany.

Interest in magazines still holds good. Our circulation remains about the same as last year.

Our circulation of books has increased at the Branch Library about 1300, at the Main Library about 300.

The Librarian attended a conference of neighboring libraries at Beverly. A most instructive talk was given by one of the State-cataloguers. A round table was held during which various phases of library work were discussed. New ideas were brought up which will prove very helpful in the course of our work.

During the course of the year, the librarian is called upon to answer many questions. The library was visited by a gentleman from Iowa, who was looking up his ancestors in this town, who came from Scotland as prisoners of Oliver Cromwell. The gentleman was introduced to a summer resident of this town, well-versed in matters of this sort and went away feeling well repaid by his visit to Hamilton.

The library is open Wednesday and Saturday and the Branch is open Tuesday and Friday, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 P. M.

The Community Room at the Town Hall is under the charge of the Library Trustees, a report of which is herewith appended.

The room has been used for 6 whist parties, 9 rug classes, 25 society meetings and 7 socials, with an attendance of 834.

## STATISTICS

## Circulation:

Main	3,464	
Branch	15,707	
	—————	19,171
Books sent to Branch		489
Returned to Main Library		77
Books added		600
Purchased	502	
Gifts	98	
Collected for Fines:		
Main Library	\$8 66	
Branch Library	39 04	
	—————	\$47 70
Total number of books in library Dec. 31, 1926, about		10,360

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN,  
*Librarian.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF HAMILTON  
FOR THE YEAR  
1926



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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

The School Committee presents herewith its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1926, and with it the reports of the Superintendent of Schools and the various special teachers.

You are particularly urged to read these reports, as in them will be found not only definite facts about the schools by those who are in them daily, but also suggestions which, if only slightly heeded, would do more to advance the standards of our schools than reams of reports and hours of discussion.

Due to decreased cost of insurance and a desire on the part of the Committee to keep down the costs consistent with the highest possible efficiency, we recommend that the sum of \$45,000. (plus the dog tax) be appropriated for school purposes for the ensuing year. This amount is \$1,000. less than was appropriated last year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARISSA E. READY,  
ALEXANDER H. SPROUL,  
ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.,

*School Committee.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Upon the death of Mrs. Adelaide D. Walsh on October 2, 1926, the School Committee lost one of its most ardent workers.

Mrs. Walsh had been a member of this committee for three successive terms, and had worked earnestly and diligently for the improvement of the school and for advancement in educational standards.

She was influential in establishing the present Industrial Department with its branches of Manual Training and Domestic Science. She took a keen interest in the public contests held for the pupils of the schools, and the helpful influence of her presence could always be counted upon by the contestants. In fact, Mrs. Walsh was a loyal supporter of all school activities, both educational and social, and she most generously gave time from her busy life to show her interest by her attendance at such affairs.

When the need of a new school was felt in East Hamilton, Mrs. Walsh was one of the leading advocates for a modern, up-to-date building, and used her influence in every possible way to secure the fine new building which has been erected.

Her many years' experience as a teacher had made her exceptionally well fitted for her duties on the School Committee. It is impossible to enumerate the many things which were brought about by her influence, for she looked after the thousand little details, often unnoticed, yet supremely valuable in a well-organized system. It is because she was a woman with a broad, sympathetic understanding of the needs of children that she filled her position so successfully.

She was always a friend of both pupils and teachers and she was beloved by them. Their love was very prominently shown, by the spontaneous response of the pupils in the desire to express their appreciation of her services and friendship, in their voluntary contributions for floral expressions of their sympathy.

The pupils, teachers, and members of the School Committee greatly regret the loss of their faithful friend and co-worker.

CLARISSA E. READY,

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.

ALEXANDER H. SPROUL,

*School Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*Members of the School Committee,*

DEAR MADAM AND SIRS: I herewith submit my fourth annual report as Superintendent of your schools.

The specific points upon which I report to you are as follows:

### ENROLLMENT

During the school year closing June 30, 1926, there were enrolled 418 pupils in the elementary grades and Junior-Senior High. At the close of schools in December there were 397 pupils enrolled.

### ATTENDANCE

A special report on "Percentage of Attendance," issued by the State Department of Education, for the school year ending June 30, 1925, showed that the State average was 93.3 per cent, while that for Hamilton was 92.3. Reports from teachers for the year ending June 30, 1926, showed that the average per cent of attendance for Hamilton was approximately 95 per cent.

### PROMOTIONS—GRADES I-IX

At the close of schools in June, 258 pupils received full promotion to the next higher grade, 26 were conditioned in one or more subjects, and 20 were not promoted. Those conditioned were allowed to continue in the next higher grade, subject to being demoted as rank might necessitate. Many of those conditioned

have proven that they are able to do the work of their grade this year, while others continue to be doing the same low grade of work, due largely to their lack of interest in school work. The twenty pupils not promoted were largely misfits in their grade. They had had, throughout the year, much individual attention, but were unable to do sufficient work to warrant even a conditional promotion. A plan is now under way whereby I hope to have pupils failing brought together in groups for special work and thereby diminish the number of pupils conditioned or not promoted.

### TEACHERS

At the close of school in June, Principal Howard W. Watson resigned to accept the principalship of Stoneham High School. Mr. Watson had served as Principal of our high school three years, during which time he had been a most enthusiastic worker to broaden the courses offered and raise the standard of work done by teachers and pupils. The entire school system was benefitted by his services as teacher and Principal.

Mrs. Edna F. Hurlburt also passed in her resignation in June, after serving as teacher in our school for the period of eleven years, to accept a position in the Beverly Public Library. Mrs. Hurlburt possessed rare qualities as a leader and teacher and has been missed both in classroom and out by pupils and teachers with whom she was associated.

Other resignations of teachers accepted during the year were as follows: Miss Maude Gooch of grade two, Mr. Thomas Carr and Mr. Shirley Bohaker of the Manual Training Department.

After interviewing numerous applicants for the position of Principal, Mr. William E. Cottle, who had served as Principal at Northboro and Ware, was secured. Mr. Cottle has endeavored to carry on the work, so well started by Mr. Watson, making

changes and additions only as it seems for the best interests of the schools.

Miss Gladys Mann was secured to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Hurlburt and has already made a place for herself in the system.

Mrs. Marion Smith Batchelder returned in September to the position which she had previously held as teacher of the second grade.

Mr. Afton Bezanson was placed in charge of the Manual Training and Printing Departments, following the resignation of Mr. Shirley Bohaker on November 24th.

### PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

No profession is making greater demands of its leaders than that of the teaching profession. It is, therefore, highly important that our teachers should avail themselves of the splendid opportunities offered to pursue professional courses to broaden their own viewpoint and aid them in their daily work in the classroom.

The following list proves that a large number of our teachers are pursuing professional study:

<i>School</i>	<i>Course</i>
Gladys L. Mann, Boston University	European History
Mrs. Hazel Ramer, Mass. Univ. Extension	Music Appreciation
Carolyn Wyman, Boston University	American Government
William E. Cottle, Harvard University	
	Social Theory of Education
	Principles of Secondary Education
The Teaching of Mathematics in the Junior-Senior High School	
Hannah Fanning, Boston University	Types of Great Literature
Margaret K. Batchelder, Mass. Univ. Extension	
	Tests and Measurements
Nelly G. Cutting, Boston University	Primary Methods

Mrs. Marion S. Batchelder, Boston University Primary Methods  
Abbie U. Cragg, Boston University Design  
Sara C. Leighton, Mass. Univ. Extension Home Management

In addition to taking the above courses at least one representative of the system has attended the following conferences:

The Superintendents' Conference of the National Education Association.

Conference for Secondary School Principals.

Conference for Art Instructors.

Conference for Elementary and Junior High Teachers.

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

We are indebted to the State Department of Education for its cooperation in providing a most excellent one day's program with speakers for our Annual Teachers' Institute, held at South Hamilton September 30th. Without exception, teachers and others in attendance have stated that this was the most inspiring and helpful Institute they have attended. The program follows:

*Chairman: BURR F. JONES, Supervisor of Elementary Education  
State Department of Education*

### ASSEMBLY

#### OPENING EXERCISES

Music by Hamilton Glee Club Chorus

"Calm as the Night"

*Bohm*

"Forget Me Not"

*Giesse*

*ADDRESS: "The Technique of Teaching"*

PROF. GUY M. WILSON, Boston University

#### DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

Grades I-III

"Geography in the Primary Grades—What and How Much?"

Miss LOTIE G. RAMSDELL

State Normal School, Framingham

“Reading and Its Relation to Other Subjects”

MISS MARY E. JAMES, State Normal School, Salem  
Grades IV-VI

“The Library and the Public Schools”

MISS E. KATHLEEN JONES, Division of Public Libraries  
State Department of Education

“Geography—Content and Method” MISS LOUIE G. RAMSDELL  
Senior and Junior High School

“Some Suggestions for Classroom Procedure”

FRANK P. MORSE, Supervisor of Secondary Education  
State Department of Education

“Physical Education in High Schools”

CARL L. SCHRADER, Supervisor of Physical Education  
State Department of Education

AFTERNOON SESSION

ASSEMBLY

ADDRESS: “Art Instruction in the Public Schools”

ROYAL B. FARNUM, Director of Art Education

VOCAL SOLOS:

“Moonlight, Starlight” *Gilberte Brown*  
“The Gift”

MISS MAUDE L. THOMAS, Supervisor of Music  
Essex-Hamilton-Lynnfield

ADDRESS: “The Creative Element in Education”

FRANK W. WRIGHT, Director  
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
and Normal Schools, State Department

VISITORS’ DAY

A large number of parents and interested citizens visited the schools on November 11th to observe the work of teachers and pupils.

The Junior-Senior High School session opened with an assembly at the Community House, at which time members of the A. P. Gardner Post of American Legion attended the exercises and presented a beautiful silk flag to the school. This ceremony participated in by members of the Legion and School was most impressive. The flag presented was much needed by the school and, coming from the local post of the Legion, should inspire our boys and girls, who gaze upon it in future years, to uphold those ideals for which the givers fought.

Following the exercises at the Community House, the regular school work was conducted in the classrooms until 8.30 P. M.

## HEALTH

The School Nurse has a very complete report on health work done throughout the schools. The value of this work impresses me as more valuable each year, as I observe what is being accomplished for the benefit of the children. They are made to feel that their bodies must be kept in fit condition to do their school work, as well as to be developed into men and women physically fit to assume later responsibilities.

The Dental Hygiene work inaugurated this year is the beginning of a very important health project. It was undertaken for the express purpose of benefiting all the children and most especially those whose parents are negligent about the care of the children's teeth, either through lack of interest or because of the expense of having dental work done.

The Hygienist has had special training for the work through the Forsythe Dental Clinic of Boston. She is trained to examine and clean teeth, but does no treating, filling or extracting. She has examined the teeth of all the pupils and sent notices to the homes, advising what treatment seemed necessary to be performed by the family dentist.

Following the examination, permission was secured from the parents to clean the teeth of pupils from grades one through eight.

When working on the pupils she endeavors to teach them the necessity of the daily care of the teeth and of the need to go to the family dentist.

A complete report from the Hygienist shows that the dental work done in previous years has been most beneficial, as the percentage of dental defects is far less in the high school and upper grades than in the lower grades.

The cost for examining the teeth of 389 children and cleaning the teeth of 181 was \$96.00. It is hoped to do this work twice annually. To supplement the work carried on in the schools, parents are urged to assume the responsibility of having the necessary additional dental work done by the family dentist.

### PHYSICAL TRAINING

As a result of employing a Physical Instructor to organize the work, to instruct the teachers and pupils and give the necessary impetus to the work throughout the year it was possible to hold a Physical Training Exhibition during May. This exhibition proved that it is possible to so train every boy and girl that they will participate freely in this type of work and show the results of training and leadership.

### TESTING

Sufficient testing of pupils by the Standard Achievement, Diagnostic and Intelligence Tests is resorted to to keep teachers informed as to abilities and needs of the children. Following all these tests, reports are issued from my office by which comparisons of standings may be made among the several schools under my supervision, as well as with standings of other school systems.

Emphasis in the teaching of the several subjects is varied from time to time, according to the results of the tests.

### CLUBS

During the past year clubs have been organized in several of the grades, in which pupils participate in electing officers, making programs and in conducting the club meetings. It is the purpose of these clubs to teach the children to become acquainted with certain parliamentary laws and to assume the responsibility which might be necessary if an officer or member of any club.

The officers of the clubs arrange weekly programs of about fifteen minutes' duration. The topics about which the programs have been built are: Holiday Programs, Good Health, School Paper and Organized Games for the Playground.

The teacher participates in the preparation of the program and club meetings only to act as adviser and critic in order that each meeting may be better than the preceding meeting. It is fully expected to increase the number of clubs until every grade or room has one.

### AWARDS

It is not possible for all pupils to excel in any one particular school activity. Realizing this, it is for the best interests of the pupils that special awards be made for excellence in a variety of school activities.

Awards are made as follows: Monthly in school attendance, bi-monthly in general scholarship, annually in penmanship, spelling, music appreciation, posture, prize speaking, reading and attendance.

No pupil needs go through the schools without at some time receiving one or more awards.

A complete list of those receiving the several awards is made a part of this report.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the pre-school medical examination of children to enter the first grade in September be held annually in May or June.

That the Dental Hygienist work be continued.

That a course in Citizenship through Character Development be adopted for use throughout the schools.

That a matron be employed for not over two hours daily to supervise the lunch rooms.

That a full-time teacher be employed for Domestic Science that her services may also be had for instruction in other subjects, thereby giving the Junior High teachers time for special classes with the backward children.

That substitute teachers be provided in order that our regular teachers may be sent to visit other school systems and not necessitate the closing of schools.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion I thank the School Committee, the teachers and supervisors and patrons of the school for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. WHITTIER,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

## SCHOOL SAVINGS, SALEM SAVINGS BANK

Balance, January 1, 1926	\$353 46
Deposits during 1926	374 49
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Total	\$727 95
Withdrawals and Transfers, 1926	\$310 78
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Balance, January 1, 1927	\$417 17
Number of Depositors, January 1, 1927	255

## AGE OF ADMISSION

No child will be admitted to the first grade at the opening of school in September who will not be five years of age by the first day of October.

Pupils are admitted to this grade only during the first two weeks of school in September, unless they have attended school in some other town.

## VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present certificates from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

## SCHOOL CENSUS

As of OCTOBER, 1926

	Boys	Girls
Number between five and seven years of age	32	31
Number between seven and fourteen years of age	127	130
Number between fourteen and sixteen years of age	20	43
Totals	179	204
Total Census		383

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy for the entire school year of 1925-1926:

## EAST SCHOOL

Georgina Cracknell	Philip Caverly
Harold McDonald	Edna Sprague

## SOUTH SCHOOL

Edwina Alexander	Mary Walsh
Mary Bancroft	Gladys Farrel
Donald Stevens	Mary Donlon
Hugh Mullins	Lawrence Peterson
John Mullins	Joseph Morphew
Clayton Kirby	George Perkins
Edward Laski	Walter Buzzell
Margaret Corcoran	Arthur Perkins
Alexander Koloski	Edith Pope
Mabel Saulnier	Charles Whipple
	Marguerite Mason

## PENMANSHIP

The following pupils received certificates for improvement in Penmanship during the school year 1925-26:

## EAST SCHOOL

Raymond Barker	Stashia Zigalo
Robert Hiller	Eleanor Barker

## SOUTH SCHOOL

Alice Stone	Mabel Saulnier
Esther Erickson	Roger Smerage
Muriel Gould	Sarah Katz
Muriel Pentz	Barbara Cullen
Marjorie Saulnier	Alice Dunn
	Edwina Tremblay

## HOME READING WITH SCHOOL CREDIT

Public Library and Public Schools Cooperating

The following pupils received Reading Certificates for having read ten or more books from the approved list:

## GRADE 3

*Eileen Armstrong	Richard Grant
*Alfred McRae	Nellie Emeney
*Richard Greeley	Annie Maione
*Mary Bancroft	Mary Gildart
*Jeanne Hipson	*Madeline Campbell
*Edwina Alexander	*John Purington
Irene Tree	*Ruth Lougee
Cornelia MacGregor	*Alfred York

*Donald Stevens	Helen McCarthy
John Dunn	Grace Cullity
Robert Smith	John Back
Lura Bailey	Carmela De Luca

## GRADE 4

*****Edward Laski	*****Kenneth McRae
****Milton Sanford	***Dorothy Greeley
*Robert Comeau	Chester Lander
Marjorie Dodge	Harold Johnson
Charles Dolliver	Helen Tuck
Elizabeth Tuttle	John King

## GRADE 5

**Mary Walsh	***Sarah Townsend
**Nancy Knowlton	Margaret Corcoran
Lawrence Lamson	*Donald Greeley
	Alice Dunn

## GRADE 6

Elizabeth Crowell	Annie Gildart
Frank Tree	James Miller
George Perkins	Howard Boyd
Gladys Farrel	Margaret Sewell
Muriel Gould	Gladys Back
Everett Holland	Mary Donlon
Catharine Darcy	Gertrude Alexander
	Edith Dolliver

## GRADE 7

Arthur Perkins	Thomas Walsh
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## GRADE 8

**Thelma Bailey	*Marjorie Baker
Beatrice Edmondson	*Polly Feener
*Annabelle Foss	Ethelene Gould
***Sarah Guild	****Dorothy Hooper
*Eloise McRae	*Kathleen Morphew
*Rose Aimee Perron	William Ruggles
**Edwin Sanford	

## EAST SCHOOL PRIMARY

*Margaret Sargeant	Robert Hiller
Earl Faulkner	Georgina Cracknell
George McDonald	Georgette Lake
Roger Barron	

## GRAMMAR

*Dorothy Whipple	Harold Knowlton
*Edna Sprague	Eleanor Barker
*Stashia Zigalo	*Gordon Como
*Harold McDonald	

A gold star was given for having read five additional books. Number of stars beside each pupil's name signifies number of books read and stars received.

## SPELLING

The following pupils represented their grade in the Town Spelling Contest held in April, 1926:

## SOUTH SCHOOL

Grade III	Madeline Campbell
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Grade IV	Chester Baker
Grade V	*Mary Walsh
Grade VI	Gladys Farrel
Grade VII	John Sewell
Grade VIII	**Marjorie Baker

\*Winner to represent town in Union Contest.

\*\*Winner to represent Town in Union Contest and winner of Town Cup.

#### EAST SCHOOL

Grade III	Margaret Sargeant
Grade IV	Dorothy Whipple
Grade V	Stashia Zigalo
Grade VI	Gordon Como

#### HONOR ROLL

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll for the entire school year 1925-1926:

Kathleen Morphew	Elizabeth Pfaff
Jack Spear	Marjorie Underhill
Sarah Ayers	Violet Mason

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll during September and October, 1926:

Sarah Ayers	Elizabeth Crowell
Grace Melanson	Muriel Gould
William Allen	Esther Lee
Oonan Ryan	Catherine McGarry
Julia Buzzelli	Harold McDonald
Irene Pope	Edith Dolliver
Violet Mason	Jack Spear

Orrin Lee	Paul Campbell
Barbara Porter	Thelma Bailey
Grant Crowell	Barbara Hobbs
Robert Fuller	Kathleen Morphew
Edith Pope	Eloise McRae
	Helen Tuttle

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll during November and December, 1926:

Grace Melanson	Elizabeth Crowell
Sarah Katz	Esther Lee
Evelyn Grant	Gladys Farrell
Kathryn Lamson	Gladys Back
Oonah Ryan	Barbara Porter
Josephine Laski	Catherine McGarry
Norman Peatfield	Lois Campbell
Wayne Hobbs	Elinor Pope
Julia Buzzell	Thelma Bailey
Irene Pope	Barbara Hobbs
Violet Mason	Beatrice Edmondson
	Eloise McRae

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

*To the Superintendent of Schools,*

DEAR SIR: I present herewith my first report as Principal of the Hamilton Junior-Senior High School.

Registration for the school year 1926-27 is 171, divided as follows:

Class	Boys	Girls	Total	Withdrawals
Junior I	22	18	40	
Junior II	17	17	34	1
Junior III	12	18	30	1
Senior I	7	18	25	2
Senior II	4	19	23	
Senior III	6	12	18	
Post Graduate		1	1	
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	68	103	171	4

As a whole the pupils have an interest in their work, and partly, at least, because of this, withdrawals have been few. Except for leaving town there has been but one withdrawal. It is earnestly hoped that the interest will still continue in the High School. We should set for an objective a high school of at least two hundred pupils.

Hamilton has a good High School. The teachers are well prepared for the work they are doing. The school spirit its good. Both teachers and pupils have a business-like attitude toward their work, and each seems anxious to do his task well. Except for crowded conditions in our classrooms and laboratories, our equipment and facilities are as good as those found in the average high school of the same size. If a student wishes to prepare for col-

lege, he may be sure that he has only himself to blame if he cannot pass his examinations at the end of four years. The State Department of Education has recognized the standard of excellence which we have tried to maintain, and has placed us in "Class A" rank (the highest), with the full certificate privilege to its normal schools. This kind of recognition speaks well for the school.

We have the certificate privilege to several other schools, and have applied to the New England College Entrance Board for its approval. If the pupils from this school now in college do well in their work this privilege will be extended to us.

The State Department of Education has long advocated the establishment of reference libraries in high schools to supply books which it is difficult or impossible to secure at public libraries. Behind the State Department's advocacy lies the fact that modern teaching methods have done away with the idea of assigning pages of a textbook to be memorized, and require instead the outside reading of various authorities and the comparison and class discussion of their opinions, out of which the student may begin to formulate judgments for himself. For the past three years the high school has been enlarging the number of these reference books. These books are, however, still located in the Principal's office, and some provision must certainly be made for a suitable library, containing proper shelving, tables and chairs. Provision should also be made for cataloging our present library. This was called to your attention by your Principal last year.

A suitable place for pupils to eat their noon lunches under proper supervision should be made. This is almost impossible at the present time, where class rooms must be used for this purpose, and teachers who should be allowed to go home for a hot dinner have to eat a cold lunch and remain on duty during the noon hour.

High school athletics are also suffering from the want of proper facilities to carry on these activities. During the fall months we were able to create quite an interest in a league for

baseball. The winter months have been full of disappointment, with no gymnasium (or other hall) at our command, we have been unable to have basketball. The recent war gave a tremendous impulse to public interest in athletics of all kinds, and it is more widely recognized now than ever that athletics both in high school and in college provide one of the best means of building up character no less than bodies. It is highly important that students should have a physical training and athletic program. This enterprise should have the enthusiastic support of high school pupils, the active backing of the public and a competent high-minded coach in charge of the work.

With the new ideals of education which have been coming to the front during the last two years, it seems unwise to limit pupils to a too-circumscribed course of study. As it is, because of our relatively small faculty, it is sometimes impossible for students to take certain studies, which they desire. On account of the already heavy burden on the present teaching staff, it has been impossible in many cases to make proper curriculum adjustments, especially in the Junior High. Special classes for backward pupils and additional work in domestic science would aid us materially, but would necessitate securing a full-time teacher to handle this department.

Some changes have been made in the high school during the past year. Physics is being taught for the first time in four years and much new apparatus has been added. The laboratory has been enlarged, closet space increased and a new ceiling put in place. Additional chairs have been purchased for the classroom in which we hold our junior high school assemblies. This will aid materially in relieving the prevailing seating difficulties.

In conclusion allow me to express my appreciation for the co-operation given by the members of the school board, teachers and townspeople, also for your own valuable aid. With the existing spirit of co-operation and unfailing interest, education in Hamilton is bound to move ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. COTTLE,

*Principal.*

## REPORT OF DRAWING SUPERVISOR

*To the Superintendent of Schools,*

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit my second annual report of drawing as carried on in the Hamilton schools.

With pleasure I review the work of the first grade, especially this year. Besides learning how to use scissors, crayons, paste and recognize the six rainbow colors and simple shapes, a little has been done with design and lettering. They have mastered the art of cutting well enough to be able to cut letters for Christmas decorations and make simple cut-out scenes.

Following last year's plan I have connected my work with other subjects and things the children are interesting in whenever possible. In the second grade at Thanksgiving time an Indian border was made. In the spring we correlated our work with a study of the farm. The farmer and his family, farm implements, and animals were drawn. Lettering was studied by making an illustrated ABC book. They are now at work on an Eskimo sand-table.

In the third grade, geography has been correlated with drawing by making Dutch, Pilgrim and Eskimo sandtables. Color and design also were studied and design applied in making borders for booklets. This grade finds much difficulty in using rulers for measuring, therefore several lessons were given to this kind of work.

In the spring the fourth grade had an African sandtable and designed and illustrated a notebook on Africa. Design and color were taken up in the fall and a simple scheme to choose colors that go well together was worked out. At Christmas simple calendars were made for Christmas gifts. We are now working on a Swiss sandtable.

This is the first year the fifth grade have had paints, so a good

deal of time has been given in using them. At Christmas time the story of Christmas was worked out in cut-out scenes for special work. Lettering has been studied by making notebook covers for history and geography.

The sixth grade drawing is correlated with their study of Ancient History as last year. This class has taken hold of the work even much better than last year's sixth grade and has taken up a little about the golden oblong and worked out a vase on Hambridge's method of dynamic symmetry, which is advanced work for this grade. Design was taken up through studying Greek designs, finding the laws of order used, finding examples of Greek designs and finally making original designs. To make the written work more attractive, we have made illuminated letters for each paper, thus studying lettering. We are in hopes of having an interesting, attractive and worthwhile history notebook at the end of the year.

The seventh and eighth grades have accomplished a good deal in the little time we have for drawing. In the fall nature drawing and painting was taken and a little work with color, making color wheels and scales of values. At Christmas time the seventh grade made combination calendar and memorandum pads and the eighth grade attractive desk sets. Both grades are now working on figure drawing.

This year it was possible to arrange for a high school class of freehand drawing and a number of pupils are taking it. Nature painting and drawing and color were studied in the fall and original pictures were worked out at Christmas time. They are now working on still-life drawings.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the Superintendent, Principal and teachers for their cooperation and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBIE U. CRAGG,  
*Supervisor of Drawing.*

## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

*To the Superintendent of Schools,*

DEAR SIR: During the past year the method of music teaching has been similar to that of previous years.

The teaching of rote songs, elimination of monotones, developing a finer sense of rhythm through the use of singing games, folk dances, and primary toy orchestra. The last six months of the first year the children are taught to recognize phrase repetition. The sol-fa syllables are also taught as a final verse to rote songs.

The second-grade work is carried on along similar lines. In this grade the books are put in the children's hands and note reading from the books is developed with less rote-song singing. Ear training is emphasized more during this year.

Less rote singing, more note reading and ear training is the main study of grades three and four. Two and three-part songs are introduced in the fifth and sixth grades.

In the seventh and eighth grades, one forty-minute period a week is devoted to singing. Two and three-part songs as well as unison songs are studied. These grades have been supplied with new books. The Twice Fifty-Five Green Book, which the boys and girls are greatly enjoying, contain some very fine music literature. Their other set of books are being rebound and put in good condition for further use.

One forty-minute period a week is devoted to "Music Appreciation" and the results have been most gratifying.

Twenty-five compositions of the finest type and representing the best composers are studied and memorized during the school year. An elimination contest is held in each town of the Union at the end of the school year. The six pupils having the highest

per cents are eligible to take part in the final contest between the towns and Manchester.

The final contest took place in Hamilton this year. Hamilton Junior High won the banner with a score of 97.2 per cent and Manchester standing second at 89.9 per cent.

The Victory Club donated \$15.00 for prizes, which were awarded to the following:

Highest Per Cents in Contest

Estelle Melanson	Eloise McRae
Dorothy Hooper	Flora Dodge
Barbara Hobbs	Jack Spear

Music Scrapbooks

Jack Spear	Barbara Porter
Orrin Lee	Elinor Pope
	Edwin Sanford

Awarded Perfect Score Pins

Eloise McRae	Jack Spear
Flora Dodge	Dorothy Hooper
	Estelle Melanson

The compositions selected for the contest are:

Angelus	<i>Massenet</i> , French
Largo al factotum (Barber of Seville)	<i>Rossini</i> , Italian
Humoresque	<i>Dvorak</i> , Bohemian
Largo (Xerxes)	<i>Handel</i> , German
Erl King	<i>Schubert</i> , Austrian
Intermezzo (Cavalleria Rusticana)	<i>Mascagni</i> , Italian
Andante Cantabile	<i>Tschaikowsky</i> , Russian

Kamennoi-Ostrow	Rubinstein, Russian
Bell Song (Lakme)	Delibes, French
Minuet in G Major	Paderewski, Polish
Praeludium	Jarnefelt, Finnish
Scarlet Sarafan, Souvenir de Moscow	Wieniawski, Polish
Polonaise (Mignon)	Thomas, French
How Lovely Are the Messengers	Mendelssohn, German
Dance of the Hours (La Gioconda)	Ponchielli, Italian
Prelude in C Sharp Minor	Rachmaninoff, Russian
Turkish March (Ruins of Athens)	Beethoven, German
Danny Deever	Damrosch, American
Toy Symphony	Haydn, Austrian
Moonlight Sonata	Beethoven, German
O Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star	Wagner, German
Poet and Peasant, Overture	Von Suppe, Italian
Valse Triste	Sibelius, Finnish
Adagietto (L'Arlesienne Suite)	Bizet, French
Mighty Lak' a Rose	Nevin, American

I sincerely hope a change can be made soon, whereby more time can be given to music in the High School. At present only a forty-minute period in two weeks is given over to this subject.

“It is hard to discover a better method of education than that which experience of so many ages has evolved; and this may be summed up as consisted in gymnastics for the body and music for the soul.”—EDGAR ALLAN POE.

I take this opportunity to thank the Superintendent and teachers for their hearty cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE L. THOMAS,

*Supervisor of Music.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools,

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit my second annual report as School Nurse for the Town of Hamilton.

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

All children were examined by Dr. Coreoran the first of the school year. The result of the examination is as follows:

	Number Examined	Defects	Notices sent	Corrections
Tonsils	310	*40 **44	40	16
T. eth	***223 †389	210 229	210 389	52 171 cleaned
Heart	310	7 possibly	7	
Lungs	310	0	0	0
Ears	310	12	12	6
Posture	310	104	0	0
Pediculosis	310	4	4	4
Underweights	310	37	37	4
	*40 enlarged and diseased.			
	**44 moderately enlarged.			
	***Examined by Dr. King.			
	†Examined by Miss Haley.			

### PUPILS EXCLUDED FOR CHILDREN DISEASES

		Admitted by Certificate from Physician
Measles	8	8
German Measles	19	19
Chicken Pox	45	45

Whooping Cough	22	22
Mumps	13	13
<i>Admitted by test</i>		
Skin Diseases—Impetigo	11	11
Number of home visits made for defective cause		60
Simple dressings taken care of at school		45

### DENTAL WORK

This year the Hamilton-Wenham Branch American Red Cross found it impossible to carry on the dental work for the schools after June. Therefore, the school department secured the services of Miss Ethel Haley, Dental Hygienist, who examined the teeth of all children and did the necessary cleanings for all children in grades one through eight.

Notices were sent all parents of pupils needing fillings or extractions with the request that they co-operate with the schools by having the work done by their family dentist.

Number of children examined by Dr. King from January, 1926, to May, 1926: Approximately 223, defects 210, corrections 52 by Clinic.

Number examined by Miss Haley 389, defects 229, 400 notices sent, 171 had teeth cleaned.

### PRE-SCHOOL EXAMINATION

In June a pre-school clinic was held for all children who were to enter school in September with most satisfactory results, as most of those who attended the clinic had the necessary corrections made, which means it will not be necessary for them to lose any school time for these corrections.

## POSTURE

Considerable work was accomplished last year in encouraging the children to maintain good posture in sitting, standing and walking. Pins were given to pupils having the best posture and to a few who tried to correct their careless habits of sitting or standing. Pupils in Hamilton receiving pins last year were as follows:

Neil Moynihan	Margaret Corcoran
Robert Farrell	Virginia Hatt
Ralph Hursty	Nancy Knowlton
Blanche Davis	Dolothy Greeley
Verna Davis	June King
Louise Moulton	Barbara Cullen
Dorothy Alexander	Edward Lasky
Benjamin Robertson	Gladys Farrell
Walter Fowler	Catherine McGarry
Ralph Tuck	Frank Tree
Mary Bancroft	James Miller
Bradley Dolliver	Gordon Como
William King	Harold McDonald
Katherine Farrell	Louis Doucette
Roy Varnum	Harold Knowlton
Georgette Lake	Leonard Varnum
	Gordon Thompson

## HEALTH PROGRAM

The object of the Health Program in each grade is to work toward establishing habits of healthy living and to interest each child in his or her future welfare. We believe that a plan of daily inspection for personal cleanliness is the most effective method of stimulating interest. Some of the health habits we encourage are

as follows: Plenty of sleep, fresh air, exercise, cleanliness of body and clothes, and most of all the right kind of food. Many children are found to be underweight and it is very often hard to make them understand the danger of so being. For these children we encourage morning lunches of milk, cocoa, or soup and more rest with moderate exercise.

A tentative course of study in health education is followed throughout the grades. This year we are taking up a simple course in bedside nursing with the older girls, to interest them in the value of knowing how to care for the sick.

The working day consists of general inspection, talks on health, clerical work on the physical health cards and home visits when necessary.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers, the School Committee, parents and Superintendent for their co-operation in maintaining the health work throughout the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE L. STOBBART, R.N.,

*School Nurse..*

## REPORT OF INSTRUCTOR OF HOME ECONOMICS

*To the Superintendent of Schools,*

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit my report.

It is but a few years since Home Economics in our schools was in its infancy. The rapid strides that have been taken are due to the great need that has arisen for training of that type. It is doubtful if we realize that ninety percent of the women of our country are engaged in the occupation of homemaking, while but ten percent of the women are engaged in other occupations. Of the ten percent engaged in "other occupations" there is not one who has entered her work without training; of the ninety percent engaged in homemaking there is a negligible number who have had even a minimum amount of training.

Those women making up the ten percent must keep books, use typewriters, manage tea-rooms or engage in numerous other occupations. The women making up the ninety percent must do something vastly more important. They must buy food and clothes for their families, must prepare and serve balanced meals, and be ready to do the thousand and one other things that are demanded of them.

The work in Home Economics in our schools begins in the sixth grade. The children no longer learn the essential stitches by making samples, but by making simple useful articles. During the last part of the year the use and care of the sewing machine is taught. Then the children learn to make simple articles of clothing.

In the seventh grade the aim is to make a uniform for use in cooking class the following year. This uniform consists of apron, band, holders, and towel. Cotton dresses are also made in this grade.

Food study begins in the eighth year. First, they learn of the foods that go to make up a breakfast and later actually plan, prepare, and serve a simple, nutritious breakfast. They pack the "School Lunch Box," which should contain some hearty sandwiches, and possibly some sweet ones, neatly wrapped in wax paper; a fruit, some sweet and a hot beverage in cold weather, unless cocoa or soup are served at school. During this year the girls learn to plan, prepare, and serve a simple, balanced luncheon.

The first part of the following year is spent in more advanced work on breakfasts. Here the girls make omelets, pop-overs, doughnuts, etc. Next comes the preparation of the invalid's tray. They actually prepare liquid, semi-solid and easily-digested solid food and serve it attractively, as for a sick or convalescent person. Following this comes the planning of dinner menus. The girls learn to prepare soups, and vegetables; to cook some of the less expensive cuts of meat so that they will equal the more expensive cuts in food value and appetizing appearance, salads, yeast bread and rolls, cakes and simple pastry. A few lessons are spent on foods for Sunday night suppers.

The first of the tenth year is devoted to interior decorating. The students learn to select and hang pictures, select harmonious wall papers, hangings and rugs, how to choose furniture and arrange it with a center of interest.

The second half of the year is devoted to household management. The aim is to make the course as practical as possible.

The Juniors and Seniors take up the study of clothing. They begin with some simple garment and then advance to the more difficult ones. In each class the girls are required to make-over some garment. While the Juniors make most of their clothing of cotton the Seniors are required to make or make-over some garment of wool and also something using silk.

Our aim is not to become seamstresses, food experts, or interior

decorators, but to learn some of the things that go to make up successful homemaking.

During the last two years several improvements have been made in our department. The uneven, whitewashed basement walls were covered with attractively-panelled plasterboard. A closet has been built in for sewing equipment, with a full-length mirror on its door, and another is being remodelled as a china closet for our newly acquired set of dishes. Drawers were built in the tables to hold individual equipment, thus saving a great deal of class time.

For these improvements and the interest that has been shown in the department of House Economics we are sincerely grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA C. LEIGHTON,

*Instructor of Home Economics.*

## REPORT OF THE MANUAL ARTS TEACHER

*To the Superintendent of Schools,*

DEAR SIR: I submit for your approval a report of my work since I assumed my duties in the Manual Arts Department.

The system under which the boys had been working with their previous supervisor I did not approve of and I have based my system on the standards of good work, finding this by far the most satisfactory system.

I have endeavored to teach the boys the simple and essential operations of woodworking. They have made small models well and satisfactorily, showing willingness and ability.

My system judges work from the craftsman's viewpoint and, therefore, will maintain a high standard for the work which the boys are doing.

I cannot attempt to teach the making of any large pieces of furniture with my pupils during the year. Their previous training is not sufficient to produce a piece which could be considered worthy of recognition as good furniture.

Desk sets, drawing boards, coat hangers, foot stools, knife boxes and necktie racks are a few of the models which they will make during the year. A small model well made is much better than a piece of furniture poorly made.

In closing I wish to thank you for your helpful attitude toward this department.

Respectfully submitted,

AFTON F. BEZANSON,

*Teacher of Manual Arts.*

## REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

*To the Superintendent of Schools,*

DEAR SIR: The purpose of physical education is to work with every pupil that they may form correct habits, as the habit of good posture, and the habit of taking voluntarily a sufficient amount of outdoor exercise each day.

We have featured correct posture, and have prescribed home exercises for those whose rank was below A. Posture pins were awarded those who ranked A for the year.

Physical education concerns itself in the main with activities which involve large muscle groups, hence we do not feature the old-time arm and finger exercises, which have their use, but do not make up a physical education program.

It is essential that we choose activities according to the developmental needs of the pupil. In the first socializing efforts of children, that is, in the first group games, we find our opportunity for character training. This means of teaching fair play, good sportsmanship, loyalty, and honorable conduct, while the mind of youth is plastic, is a valuable phase of the games period. During the spring and fall, classes were conducted outdoors. The pupils were sufficiently interested to buy a few volley balls, to supplement those provided by the school board.

On May 26, in the Community House, a demonstration of the regular work of the department was given. Every pupil in the school participated with his class. The program consisted of selections from the regular work during the year, and included games, calisthenics, mimetic exercises, folk dancing, work on the bar by grade one and a May pole dance by grade four. The afternoon was most gratifying to the supervisor, as the splendid spirit

and the attitude of pupils and teachers toward the work made the affair a marked success.

I take this opportunity of thanking them, and the Principal, Superintendent, and School Board for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH RHODES FOSTER,

*Supervisor of Physical Education.*

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES

TOWN HALL

Thursday Evening, June 24th, 1926  
at eight o'clock

March .....	ALUMNI ORCHESTRA
Invocation .....	REV. C. L. SKINNER
Address of Welcome .....	WILLIAM LASKI
"Calm as the Night"— <i>Bohm</i> .....	GLEE CLUB CHORUS
The Washington Trip .....	MARJORIE UNDERHILL
"Angels' Serenada"— <i>Brega</i>	
Trio: Muriel Pentz, Marguerite Mason, Jeanne Cullity	
Commencement Address .....	WILLARD SCOTT
"Forget Me Not"— <i>Giese</i> .....	GLEE CLUB CHORUS
Presentation of Gift by Class President .....	DONALD TRUSSELL
Awarding of Diplomas .....	ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.
Presentation of History Medal	
Benediction .....	REV. C. L. SKINNER
March .....	ORCHESTRA

CLASS MOTTO

We will conquer

CLASS COLORS

Green and Gold

CLASS FLOWER

Jack Rose

## CLASS ROLL

*Dorothy Bancroft	Gladys Eveline Hooper
Ruth Bancroft	*Roger Vickery Humphrey
Mary Martha Bond	Joseph E. Lake
Bernard Ambrose Cullen	*William Z. Laski
Harvey L. Doucett	Robert Lawrie
Margaret Frances Gildart	Andrew McCurrach
Mildred Annie Grant	*Theodore Maione
Evelyne Mary Hatt	Katherine Adelaide Malone
Gordon Abijah Hitchings	Donald Gardner Trussell
*Eleanor Marjorie Underhill	

\*Honor pupils.

MEMBERSHIP BY AGES AND GRADUATE APPROX., 1986

## TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY, 1927

NAME	SCHOOL	Grades or Subjects	Salary	Appoint- ment	Last School Attended	Education
William E. Cottle .....	High, Principal	Science and Math....	\$2,900	1926	Harvard University	
Mrs. Laura W. Boyd .....	High, Assistant	English and History..	1,550	1925	Emerson College	
Bernice L. Hayward .....	High, Assistant	French & Latin .....	1,350	1925	Boston University	
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bush .....	High, Assistant	Commercial .....	1,450	1921	Salem Normal	
Bessie F. McRae .....	High, Assistant	Commercial .....	1,250	1925	Salem Normal	
Afton F. Bezanson .....	High, Assistant	Manual Arts .....	1,200*	1926	Marblehead High	
Sara C. Leighton .....	High, Assistant	Domestic Arts .....	1,550†	1924	Farmington Normal	
Gladys L. Mann .....	Junior High	Lit. & History .....	1,350	1926	Boston University	
Mrs. Hazel E. Ramer .....	Junior High	Sci. & Geography ...	1,550	1921	Salem Normal	
Carolyn Wyman .....	Junior High	English & Arith. ....	1,400	1925	Gorham Normal	
Hannah B. Fanning .....	South	Grade 6 .....	1,250	1925	Framington Normal	
Margaret K. Batchelder .....	South	Grade 5 .....	1,200	1920	Salem Normal	
Marion C. Joseph .....	South	Grade 4 .....	1,200	1921	Salem Normal	
Edith L. Fletcher .....	South	Grade 3 .....	1,400	1906	Salem Normal	
Mrs. Marion S. Batchelder .....	South	Grade 2 .....	1,300	1926	Hyannis Summer	
Nelly G. Cutting .....	South	Grade 1 .....	1,450	1915	Salem Normal	
Laura Duperr .....	East	Grade 4-6 .....	1,200	1926	Castine Normal	
Lucinda Bean .....	East	Grade 1-3 .....	1,200	1925	Framington Normal	
Abbie U. Cragg .....	All	Drawing .....	275	1925	Salem Normal	
Maude L. Thomas .....	All	Music .....	325	1923	Boston University	
Florence L. Stobart .....	All	Nurse .....	720	1925	Beverly Hospital	
Mrs. Edith Foster .....	All	Physical Training ..	100‡	1924	Harvard Summer	

\* Four-fifths paid by Hamilton.

† Three-fifths paid by Hamilton.

‡ One day monthly.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, YEAR 1927-1928

1927

January 3 .....	Schools open
February 22 .....	Holiday
February 25 .....	Schools close
March 7 .....	Schools open
April 19 .....	Holiday
April 29 .....	Schools close
May 9 .....	Schools open
May 30 .....	Holiday
June 29 .....	Schools close at noon

## Summer Vacation

September 7 .....	Schools open
October 12 .....	Holiday
November 23 .....	Schools close at noon
November 28 .....	Schools open
December 23 .....	Schools close at noon

1928

January 3 .....	Schools open
February 22 .....	Holiday
February 24 .....	Schools close
March 5 .....	Schools open
April 19 .....	Holiday
April 27 .....	Schools close
May 7 .....	Schools open
May 30 .....	Holiday
June 27 .....	Schools close at noon



